

PLACQUES

Through an error an assignment of very pretty decorated plaques were shipped to this city and they have been turned over to this store to dispose of at a price to realize charges and freight. These plaques are very pretty and consist of several designs and while they last will be sold at

50c Each

Call in at our store and see them, and at the price you can not help but buy, and you will be getting something handsome for little money.

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MEDFORD, GRANTS PASS AND CRESCENT CITY.

On the first page of this issue will be found an article taken from the San Francisco Chronicle, in which is explained the movements being made by the Hill interests in the way of railroad construction in Southern Oregon and Northern California. There are other developments which point unmistakably to the fact that the Hill road will extend from Grants Pass to Medford, and from there to Sam's valley, thence near Baldi mountain, then back to Rogue river, crossing at Woodville, thence down the river to Fruitdale and Grants Pass. From here it is said the road will go to Wilderville, Selma, Corby, Holland, Takilma, Waldo, and so on over the most practical route to Crescent City, which place will within a short time have a seawall built by the United States government so as to make a safe harbor at that point for vessels of large tonnage. This route, while it is not given on absolute authority, will undoubtedly be chosen for the very good reason that railroads can only follow lines where business can be secured. In support of the claim that this will be the route our attention has been called to the fact that California parties have within a few days taken money options on 15,000 acres of choice agricultural lands in Sam's valley. This land is of the very best quality for growing potatoes, onions, alfalfa and fruits of all kinds, and it would scarcely have been taken had the parties not been aware that a railroad would be built through that valley. These same California people have recently purchased large land and timber holdings in the vicinity of Crescent City. Putting these two things together, it will not be difficult to come to the conclusion that the route pointed out is substantially the one that will be taken. In the meantime it may be stated that railway construction has come to Oregon and many hundreds of miles of these advance agents of civilization will be built within the next eighteen months.

Now comes the Harriman system to the rescue. The interests of this combine will not tamely submit to being deprived of rich territory along Rogue river, the Applegate and the country to the southwest. Recently agents of the Harriman system have been in Grants Pass and have been looking over the country last named. We may now expect the Harriman people to make the next move on the railroad checkerboard.

OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE RECORD

The new city administration which was inaugurated Thursday night will be watched with deep interest by the people of this city. At the late election there were two parties in the field and both of these are pledged to paying and other improvements, and if this work goes on as the voters intended it should, Grants Pass will become a beautiful city and its business interests will largely increase. The money that is paid out for paying will be distributed among

the working men and their families. When the wage earner has employment prosperity is the rule. Mayor Smith and his cohorts have the opportunity of their lives to bring about conditions which will make their names revered by our citizens.

We have a right to believe that our city fathers will pursue the course indicated and make this a banner year in our history. Should it be otherwise, it will certainly be a great disappointment to those who have invested their capital here and supported Mayor Smith and his friends. Grants Pass should, within the next twelve months, add greatly to its population and volume of business, but all depends on those individuals who have been chosen to manage the affairs of the municipality during the coming year. Grants Pass is the only town of its size on the Southern Pacific which is without hard surface pavement, and if it is to prosper it must join its sister cities and become an up-to-date place, with the ambition to lead in all the things which add to the reputation and prosperity of the town.

PROSPECTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Grants Pass and Josephine county have entered upon the new year with brighter prospects than they have ever before experienced. Business of every kind bids fair to be better for the next twelve months and to reach a higher tide of prosperity than at any time in the past. Land clearing, orchard planting, the development of mines and the prosecution of our lumber industry are the roads which lead to general activity. This county has long needed additional capital for development work and this has been secured in large and small blocks during the past year with the result that the season of 1910 must of necessity bring to us many industries heretofore unknown in our city or county.

Eugene is said to have had more prosperity and made more substantial growth during the past year than any other town in Oregon. We have heard this assertion a number of times, but it was not until the New Year edition of the Morning Register reached us that we had ocular demonstration of the claim. It was a 24-page paper, containing a review of the year and showing \$1,000,000 invested in the construction of new buildings. Very properly the Register devotes large space to Lane county as well as to the city of Eugene.

Among the newspapers to celebrate New Years in the good old fashioned way was the Medford Mail Tribune, which came out with a 20-page paper showing the growth and prosperity of Medford and its surroundings. The publication was a credit to its city as well as to its editor and publisher. The merchants and owners of property in Medford make it possible for the Mail Tribune to do these things.

Next Saturday will be Jackson day and democratic banquets will be in order. Just why President Jackson's birthday is kept so sacredly by the democratic party has never been explained and hardly can be unless it was because he inaugurated the system of party spoils and corruption by using the slogan among his followers "to the victor belongs the spoils."

North Yakima after a hotly contested election voted in favor of keeping the town wet. This was, without doubt, one of the hardest anti-temperance fights ever made in the state of Washington. There was abundance of money used and everything was voted that could be. The two daily papers of the town made the campaign interesting and did strong work on their respective sides.

The Daily Statesman of Salem issued a New Year number which was highly creditable in every respect. There were four sections, making 32 pages in all. There were all sorts of subjects treated relating to the capital city, and there were many fine illustrations, and taken altogether, the edition did justice to Salem and to the first-class printing establishment which issued it.

Portland had an earthquake the other day which shook some of its tall buildings slightly and alarmed a whole lot of nervous people. The newspapers up there claim that the earth tremor was confined strictly to Portland and its suburbs. All right, gentlemen, you can have all the glory.

The water wagon is going to be a popular vehicle this year all over the country for that class who have a desire to become prosperous. If you buy land it may double or treble in value; if you buy whiskey it will in time put you in the gutter.

Tony King, of Virginia City, who has been a fugitive from justice, returned home voluntarily last week and committed suicide. It was supposed that he feared arrest and decided to end his troubles.

MARRIED.

GROSS-NEESEN—At the home of H. Gross, Wolf Creek, Oregon, on December 29, 1909, Henry Gross, of Wolf Creek, and Sarah Neesen, of this city; Rev. Mark C. Davis officiating.

PALMER-CRAIG—At the home of Rev. Robt. McLean, of this city, on January 4, 1910, John Palmer, of Medford, and Cora A. Craig, of Selma; Rev. Robt. McLean officiating.

DIED.

POOL—At Klamath Falls, on January 1, 1910, Mrs. Robert Pool, aged 63.

Mrs. Pool was born December 15, 1846, in Galena, Ill., was married May 8, 1873 to Capt. Robert Pool, a veteran of the Civil war. The family came to Oregon in 1883, settling first in Ashland and then, a little more than two years later, coming to Grants Pass. Capt. Pool was a helpless paralytic for ten years, the paralysis resulting from an injury received in the army. During those ten years Mrs. Pool devoted herself to the care of her helpless husband, impairing permanently her own health in this labor of love. Three years ago she and her daughter, Alice, removed to Klamath Falls, where the latter is a teacher in the public schools.

Mrs. Pool was a charter member of Bethany Presbyterian church and was instrumental in getting the present pastor to come and organize the church while Grants Pass was comparatively young.

She was, we believe, also a charter member of the local chapter of the Eastern Star, and in both organizations was faithful to her duties. She leaves to mourn her loss the daughter, Alice, already mentioned, and two sons, Zera and Roy, both residing at present in California. Of late Mrs. Pool, owing to feeble health has lived a very quiet life, but a large circle of friends will mourn her loss. The funeral took place Tuesday at 2 o'clock in Bethany church, and the interment in the Masonic cemetery.

VAN GOTHEN—At the South Pacific hospital of this city, on Sunday, January 2, 1910, Theresa Lolita Van Gothen, 10-month-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Van Gothen. Interment at Grants Pass cemetery Monday, January 3.

Calendars for the Year 1910.

The calendar artist and his work represent one of the features of the early part of the twentieth century. Men and women work on these creations for many months and when the new year approaches their productions are seen in all lines of trade. The calendar in many designs and in all colors was in Grants Pass promptly on or before New Years day and many of them are very fine productions.

The Courier has received copies of these New Years compliments from the following business establishments: The Oregon Life, the First National Bank, George C. Sabin, the druggist, Grants Pass Laundry, J. H. Ahlf, the meat market man, and one from the Grants Pass Feed Store.

A western school journal is responsible for the story that a youthful pupil in the history class wrote the following statement:

"The American war of independence took place because the colonies refused to submit to taxation without representation."

MAIL GOES NORTH NOW ON TRAIN 16

Old Service Restored to Earlier Train North Accommodates Many.

Commencing January 1 a change was effected in the northbound mail service, train No. 16, leaving Grants Pass at 6:35 p. m., carrying the local mail instead of train No. 14 at 9:47 p. m., the mail service on that train being discontinued. The mail for No. 16 closes at 6 o'clock. Northbound mail for the Shasta Limited is made up at 8:45 p. m. instead of 10 a. m. as heretofore, so in order to send mail northward it must be in the postoffice at Grants Pass before 6 or before 8:45 p. m. Southbound mail is carried on trains No. 11 at 4:30 a. m. and No. 13 at 2:04 p. m. The mails close for the above trains at 8:45 p. m. and 1:40 p. m.

Home Grown Tokay Grape Vines.

Grown from cuttings from the famous Langford Bros.' vineyard at Lodi, Cal., a 160-acre vineyard, reputed to be the purest Tokay vineyard in that famous district. These vines are strictly first class and the greater part of my large stock has already been contracted for. Any horticulturist will tell you to get nursery stock grown as near home as possible. Contract now before these choice vines are gone. EARL V. INGELS, Conklin Bldg. 1-7-tf

Eighth Grade Examinations

Eighth grade examinations will be held in Grants Pass on January 20 and 21, 1910, to applicants bearing certified statements from the teacher that said applicants have finished the eighth grade work as outlined in the state course of study.

LINCOLN SAVAGE.

January 5, 1910. County Supt.

If you want some fine, full blooded chickens come and see the S. C. Buff Orpingtons and S. C. White Leghorns (295 egg strain). The Buffs are from prize winning stock at the recent poultry show in Portland. Rear 415 Sixth street, corner K. Coulson's chicken food for sale. 1-7-tf

Harness Manufacturing Plant.

The Jewell Hardware company has fitted up a very complete harness manufacturing establishment in the south room of their store and they are now making harness on a large scale. They will manufacture heavy and light harness, single and double sets. Two men will be employed at all times and as fast as the business demands it more hands will be taken on. The intention is to build up a large business in this line. G. M. Rowley, a thoroughly practical harness maker of many years' experience, has charge of the shop and is assisted by J. F. Rogers.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 9, Sunday—Fruit meeting at Denver to which Grants Pass sends a delegate.

Jan. 10, Monday—Regular Monthly Meeting of Commercial Club.

Jan. 12, Wednesday—25th Anniversary Celebration of Grants Pass Masonic Lodge.

Jan. 17, Monday—Rebekah Lodge Southern Oregon Convention at Grants Pass.

Jan. 19, Wednesday, 10:50 a. m.—Spokane and Walla Walla Commercial Clubs at Grants Pass for 15 minutes.

Jan. 19, Wednesday—Portland meeting of State Horticultural Society to which Grants Pass sends delegates.

Feb. 7, Monday—Annual meeting of the Fair Association to lay plans for the fair in Grants Pass next fall.

Feb. 12, Saturday—Annual meeting of the Fruit Exchange.

Don't Read This.

72½x150 feet on the corner of A and 6th streets, price \$1100.00, good until January 20, 1910. See Joseph Moss, 202 6th street, Grants Pass, Oregon. 12-31-tf

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Jersey bull, 15 months old; also Black Minorca roosters. W. C. Long, 624 West G street. 1-7-4t

LOST—Large gray shawl, Sunday evening, Jan. 2, on Crescent road. Finder please leave at Golden Road store and receive reward. 1-7-4t

FULL blooded S. C. White Leghorns and prize winning S. C. Buff Orpingtons for sale at 415 Sixth

Dried Fruit Specials

At this season of the year it is rather a difficult matter to get something that will take the place of fresh fruit. We have, we think, secured something that will fill this vacancy, and as a special inducement for a short time have made a special price on the following articles:

Dried Figs, white or black.....13 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Peaches, choice.....11 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Peaches, extra fancy.....9 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Apples, fancy evaporated.....8 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Pears, fancy evaporated.....8 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Apricots, fancy evaporated.....8 pounds for \$1.00
Dried Petite Prunes.....25 pounds for \$1.00

The above prices are on exceptionally good values and will only last a short time. Better take advantage of same at once while the assortment is complete.

Gibson Grocery Co.

Phone 6

Front Street, opposite Depot, Grants Pass, Oregon

THE BIJOU

Welcomes all the old patrons and those who are not

I have taken charge of the above place and will endeavor to present an entertainment of the highest standing in every respect, both instructive and amusing.

After the day's work is over "GET THE HABIT" of spending an hour at THE BIJOU.

J. V. HALE, Proprietor

street. Eggs \$2 to \$3 per setting.

Agent for Coulson's Chicken Feed. 1-7-tf

FOR SALE—Young Percheron horse colt, fine animal. Speak quickly. At ranch 2½ miles north of Grants Pass. D. C. Chapman. 1-7-2t

LOST—On Saturday night, a girl's gold ring with cluster of sets, tied in handkerchief with initial "P" in corner. Finder please leave at Courier office. 1-7-tf

FOR SALE

PIANO—nearly new, for sale on easy terms. Inquire 715 North 7th street. 12-24-tf

STRAWBERRY plants for sale, 16 to 1, Wilson, Climax and others at right prices. Phone 811. G. A. Hamilton. 12-31-tf

PIGS for sale. Berkshire and Poland China, from 5 to 4 months old. Geo. A. Hamilton. Phone 811. 12-31-tf

I WILL sell my home at 902 Pine street at a bargain, 7 rooms, cellar, pantry and bath. C. N. Matthews. 12-24-3t

DESERT LAND—Those desiring to acquire desert land apply to Wm. M. Richards, Box 35, Merlin, Ore. 12-24-3t

WOOD—For dry wood phone Farmers line No. 585. 12-24-3t

HAY—Good alfalfa hay for sale at the ranch on Applegate at New Hope, or leave orders at Rochdale store. John Lawless, Murphy. 12-17-4t

RED LAND—40 acres red land for sale, partly cleared, 6 acres in young fruit, picket fence, good ranch building and numerous springs, water piped into house. Over 1500 cords of wood on place, over half oak. Write F. H. Adams, owner, Merlin, Ore., for further particulars. 12-31-4t

MEXICO—We are going to Mexico in the spring and would like to be joined by several more who are interested in securing land. Call on or correspond with S. M. Weston, R. F. D. 2, Grants Pass. 12-17-4t

BLACKSMITH shop fully equipped, gasoline power, 2½ acres of ground with residence and barn and outbuildings. Good regular patronage, no competition, off the

railroad. Price, exclusive of stock, \$1000. Part cash, balance on time. Address "Blacksmith," c/o Courier. 12-10-tf

FOR SALE—300 acres, situated on public road, 40 acres can be irrigated. Splendid location for hotel. See it and you will take it. Address Box 506, Grants Pass. 12-10-tf

FOR SALE—Fine residence, two stories, 8 rooms, bath and sleeping porch, modern plumbing throughout, lot 95x150, handsomely improved, fine shade trees, roses, etc. Inquire at Cramer Bros' hardware store. 11-19-tf

FOR SALE—2900 choice cedar posts. Apply at Elmer Shank's office, Grants Pass. 10-15-tf

FOR SALE—Timber claim, SW¼ Sec. 24, Twp 37, R. 2 West, Josephine county. For particulars address H. Walter, conductor, 3rd Townsend street, S. P. Co., San Francisco, Cal. 9-3-tf

INSTALLMENT—5-room cottage and three lots on Overland Ave. for sale on the installment plan. Inquire Mrs. N. P. Dodge, 211 West A street. 11-12-tf

WANTED

WANTED—Room and board for two girls aged 12 and 8 years, from Monday until Friday during school season. Telephone long-short-long at once. C. E. Solleck. 12-31-tf

WANTED—New and second hand goods. Headquarters, City Hall building. 10-22-tf

WANTED life insurance agents for city and country. Columbia Life & Trust Co., 203 Conklin Building. 12-10-tf

MISCELLANEOUS.

PRIVATE tutoring in mathematics, Latin, German, French and other branches. Celia Doerner, 402 H street. 12-31-tf

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

MONEY to loan on irrigated lands by C. G. Ament. 7-16-tf

MONEY to loan on real estate. Mortgages bought and sold. Marcus Robbins, lawyer. 1-3-52t