

Weekly Rogue River Courier.

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AVOID A PUBLIC CALAMITY

Self-government is the one great blessing which has been handed down to us by the fathers of the republic and its highly important that we show our full appreciation of the boon which has come to us. To prove ourselves worthy of this inestimable political heritage we must make a proper use of the ballot, and in no instance can we do this to greater advantage than in the affairs of our own county. The election is scarcely three weeks away and it is all important that we be ready to do our part when we stand before the ballot box. It must be remembered that we are acting in defense of our property and our families, therefore we must go to the polls to act in unison with our neighbors in securing good government. It is a square deal we must demand and the Lords knows that is little enough to ask.

The most important office in our county is that of county judge. This high position has much to do with the weal or woe of our local government; therefore this official should be every inch a judge in order that the scales of justice may be properly balanced. During the past four years many thousands of dollars have passed through the county court; this money was furnished by the tax payers. Some \$50,000 of the sum expended was used on our highways, and as most people know, we have little to show for it. Scarcely a mile of permanent road has been constructed. The idea has been to fill up the highway in summer with material of which to make impassable mud in the winter. This is a direct injury to the property owner, be he farmer, fruit grower, miner or business man. This wilful waste has brought us woeful want of public highways. Good roads will enable us to haul heavy loads of produce to town the year around and will add to the general prosperity of the people of the entire county. Our present roads are good only six months in the year. If that is all we are looking for, then half the money they have cost would be a large sum to pay for so little.

We are now afforded an opportunity to bring prosperity to all parts of Josephine county by reforming the county court. We need a man in the office of county judge who will do things and do them in the proper way and who will not think it more important to keep his ear to the ground to determine his political chances rather than serve the best interest of the tax payers. There are two good men in nomination for positions in the county court. M. J. Anderson as judge has every qualification called for to fill this high position. Should he be elected he will serve the county in a manner that will give satisfaction to those who pay the taxes of the county, as well as those who are interested in the upbuilding of our industrial and commercial interests. His election will be the beginning of better conditions in all lines of business. This office is closely connected with everything material in our county and to place a man of Anderson's ability and integrity at the head of the court is the one to do at this time. Should the voters of this county by their ballots continue the old regime it would be a public calamity.

MERLIN NEWS

All of our schoolmarms attended the teachers' institute at Grants Pass last week.

Mrs. Alice Bacon, of the Leland school attended the teachers' institute last week.

Ralph Bacon, who has been quite ill at his home in Merlin for some time past is improving nicely which is indeed pleasant to his friends.

J. M. Moody and wife, of Hugo, purchased two tickets Monday to Lake City, Fla., and departed on the 8:25 train Tuesday morning.

Died Sunday, October 16, at his home near Grants Pass, Steward Turner, aged about two years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Interment in the Merlin cemetery Monday, October 17. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Miss Ida and Will Robertson visited Grants Pass Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cora Mattison, of the Oriskany Mining company, Galice, passed through Merlin Tuesday on their way home.

At a special school meeting held at the school house last week two directors were elected, W. C. Fry and D. W. Mitchell, to fill the unexpired terms of Stephen Abell, deceased, and W. Jordan, who moved to Grants Pass recently. Mr. Fry and Mr. Mitchell have held the position of school director before and Merlin can rest assured that our school affairs will be carefully looked after in the future.

Mrs. M. J. Tyler has some of the largest beets, parsnips and other garden vegetables that the writer

has had the pleasure to see for some time. It is a pity she did not enter them at the county fair at Grants Pass, they certainly would have won the prize, as the quantity and quality was superior to anything on exhibition there.

The sports of Merlin have organized an athletic club to meet in the old boomerang building twice a week. The boys are getting in good shape with the gloves sparring, and there are no sports barred from neighboring towns.

Ben Newman will spend a few days in Hoquiam, Wash., with his mother, who is a little under the weather at the present writing.

H. F. has killed his pet bear. The writer had the pleasure of eating some of the meat, which he pronounced first class.

B. A. Williamson has rented his hotel to Carpenter & Martin, who are prepared to furnish warm meals at all hours at all prices. The hotel has been named the Rogue River hotel.

F. F. Moody went to Albany Wednesday on business.

Mrs. M. T. Bates has been very sick for the past two weeks, but her friends are pleased to learn of her improvement.

William Jordan has moved to Grants Pass and engaged in the hotel business in that city.

M. L. Boucher has been sick for the past few days, being compelled to close his blacksmith shop for a couple of days, but is again busy with the hammer.

Miss Florence Williamson, our telephone "hello" girl, visited Galice last Saturday.

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PEERLESS CLOTHING COMPANY

H. C. Cummings is drilling a well on his place north of Merlin, which he recently purchased from Mrs. Alice Bacon.

Mr. Yacolt has bought some town lots of B. A. Williamson and is preparing to set them to berries the coming fall.

Henry Booth and family should have fat this winter from the various kinds of fruits, nuts and vegetables the writer has seen him hauling to town from his ranch.

While Miss Mildred Booth was trying to cross the railroad track last

week by crawling through a box car, she sustained a very severe sprain to the knee by falling out of the car on the rail. However, it is thought nothing serious will result.

WOLF CREEK NEWS

Beautiful autumn weather is prevailing at the present writing.

H. A. Perkins is picking his second crop of Magoon strawberries.

O. E. Willis, of Glendale, was a Wolf Creek visitor last week.

Roy Jordan made a visit to his

sisler, Mrs. A. Rogers, lately.

Our teachers, Misses Robinson and Cleo, attended teachers' institute at Grants Pass last week.

Miss Ruby Longdo, our Golden teacher, attended institute last week. Misses Ruby Longdo and Mamie Miller attended Sunday school in this city last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas, Mrs. Luannie Thomas and sons, Richard and Robert, of Detroit, Minn., are visiting with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perkins, and family. They liked this country so well on a form-

er visit that they have come to spend the winter.

Jim Burns, of Grants Pass, made a business trip to Golden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouch came out from their mine Saturday on their way to Grants Pass to visit with relatives in that city.

Mr. Dresses was in Wolf Creek looking at his property last week.

W. D. McIntosh, of Golden, made a business trip to Grants Pass last week. SUNSHINE

JEROME PRAIRIE

Ira May, of Three Pines, spent a few days at home last week.

Reuben Tucker, wife and baby, of Deer creek, visited with W. W. Tucker and Jake Gelwitz for a short time, while on the way to Grants Pass.

Mr. Clark, of Oakland, Cal., visited a few days with his uncle, J. H. Robinson, and family.

Born—October 8, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton, a ten-pound boy.

Robert Barrington has removed his family from the place formerly known as the Sams place on the Applegate to R. S. Morgan's new home on the Prairie.

Misses Minnie, Lenore and Nellie Morgan spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan.

George Morey, of Oakland, Cal., who is staying with his brother, C. S. Morey, is unable to be about, owing to the fact that he was kicked by a colt.

Misses Susie May and Lena Smith, who are attending the Grants Pass high school, spent the time at home while their teachers were attending the institute.

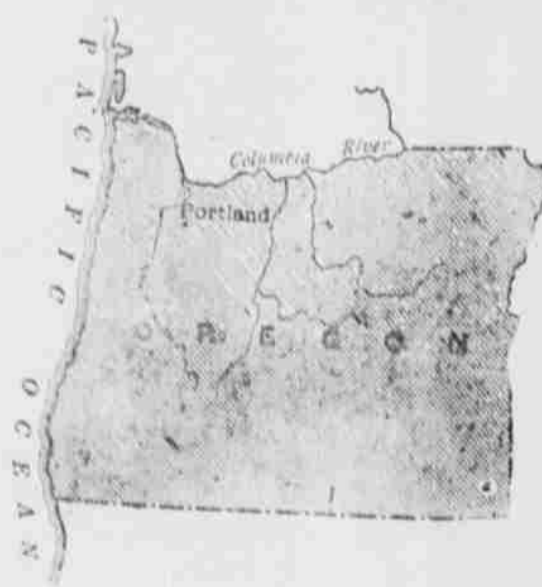
C. J. Armstrong was called to Jacksonville Sunday, owing to the serious illness of his aged mother.

J. S. Dobyns was a delegate to the school board convention held in Grants Pass Saturday. He speaks highly of this new movement.

W. E. Wheeler and Austin Morgan returned Sunday from a three days' hunting and prospecting trip on lower Rogue river.

Mrs. Burroughs, who has been ill for some time, is reported very well. She is nearing her eightieth year and recovery is very doubtful. PRAIRIE

OREGON'S WONDERFUL HEALTH CONDITIONS.



Oregon contains more than 84,000 square miles and only about 750,000 people. Oregon's broad shore lines are washed by the Pacific ocean.

The Japan current, which sets in strong all along these shores, tempers the climate, and this, in connection with a bountiful supply of pure, sparkling drinking water gives Oregon's blessed population the lowest death rate of any state in the Union.

This is one of the chief reasons why Oregon Life, the only life insurance company which confines its business to Oregon exclusively, is safest and best for the policyholders. These conditions also bring best results and lower net rates for policyholders. A. B. Cornell, district manager, Southern Oregon Branch Office, Grants Pass.

The Japan current tempers the climate

Epidemics are unknown and scarcely possible

These eight states contain 82,460 square miles—crowded together in this lesser space than Oregon are twenty million people—That is why Pneumonia, La Grippe, Smallpox and other diseases can and do become epidemics

The death rate in these states per thousand inhabitants is more than double what it is in Oregon.

Elbow room is scarce here

Epidemics are prevalent