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**PROF. TAYLOR SEES
WOODVILLE'S FUTURE**

Prof. Thos. H. B. Taylor, of Woodville, who as a financier, capitalist and forecaster of future events has few equals and no superiors says:

That future events do cast their shadows before and only a very short time will demonstrate that Grants Pass, the county seat of Josephine county, situated in the northern part of the great Rogue River valley in southern Oregon, is destined to be the greatest railroad and commercial center of the whole of southern Oregon. Grants Pass is now, and will be, the one supply point for a great agricultural, fruit, mining and timber section of approximately 80 to 90 miles in area; and with its four railroads—one already built, two under construction, and the fourth sure to be built inside of a year—with a direct line of only 90 miles to the sea coast through an immense timber and mining region, and a through line to all eastern, northern and southern points—what more could be desired?

The great irrigation system just recently acquired, and the street paving and many other municipal improvements, are most valuable and lasting achievements for Grants Pass; and of its future, in conjunction with its younger and smaller suburb, Woodville, we hardly hope to prophecy.

Woodville, the young but rapidly growing metropolis of Evans valley, is perhaps the most ideally located little city in the whole Rogue river country—a beautiful little sunny valley nestling at the foot of the Rogue River mountains, bounded on one side by the swift rolling Rogue river, and on the other by the sparkling mountain stream of Evans creek. This is the home of the big red apple and Bartlett pear—no finer fruit belt in the state. The surrounding hills are streaked with the yellow metal and iron, copper, nickel, asbestos and coal abound. Several mines are already developed just outside of the city limits. Free gold is found in most all the streams, now, with all the wonderful fruit, gulches and in the gravel beds.

The great Hill line is now coming from Eastern Oregon. This Hill main line will come down Rogue river, following the west side, out through Sams valley and through what will be the "Ramsay Canyon cut-off" to where it will strike Upper Evans creek. It will follow a double track—with the projected big Minnesota logging road on the east side of Evans creek to Woodville, where it will form a junction with the Southern Pacific.

Here the Hill line will build an immense steel bridge across Rogue river and here the two great transcontinental railroad lines will build union yards, depot, machine shops, round house, etc., as it is an ideal location for a division point—midway and near the great mountain chains. The Hill line will thence follow the south side of Rogue river to Grants Pass and on to the coast—namely, Crescent City.

The Southern Pacific will abandon its old line near Myrtle creek and come up the canyon by old Canyonville, and through what is called the "Jump-Off-Joe cut-off," where it will strike Pleasant creek, following down it to Wimer; it will cross Evans creek and form a junction with the other two roads. There will be a three track system to Woodville. The Southern Pacific will put in a double track system from Woodville to Grants Pass. They will simply run on into Grants Pass—same as now, only double that nine miles. The Southern Pacific will maintain a trolley line from Grants Pass to Myrtle creek; then we will have also

the electric road from Ashland to Grants Pass, which will make a junction of four railroads at Woodville. The big timber company will build an immense saw mill and planing and sash and door and box factory at Woodville. The city of Woodville have under consideration a city water and electric light system; power to be brought from Jump-Off-Joe creek, a beautiful pure stream of water right out of the snow mountains—a gravity system with approximately 900 feet pressure, with water sufficient to supply a city of 50,000 inhabitants, with wood of the best quality in unlimited quantities, and coal to be had just for the taking; and with all these great bodies and varieties of ore lying at our very feet—waiting only the magic hand of man to bring them to light—there's no doubt that immense smelters and ore-reducing stamp mills, etc., will soon be in operation right at this important railroad junction at Woodville on the Rogue, in a very short time.

Little wonder that money men are quietly looking around Woodville.

Grants Pass, with all these advantages, will have just one more railroad.

This beauty stream—Rogue river—from Woodville to Grants Pass has no equal on the American continent, and who shall say how long it will be before this intervening space will be lined with palatial residences by eastern people seeking comfort, health and happiness in this wonderful climate—in the midst of the most ravishing mountain and river scenery—with an electric car line at their doors and where they can have strawberry shortcake for breakfast; and where birds sing and flowers bloom in December.

COMING EVENTS

March 13, Monday—Annual meeting of Grants Pass Commercial club.

Friday, Mar. 17—Mothers' meeting, Riverside school, at 2 p. m.

March 17, Friday—Ladies Benefit Society of Bethany Presbyterian church will give a Donnybrook afternoon at the church parlors.

Miss Vivian Galbraith left Thursday morning for a month's visit with relatives and friends at Portland and Woodburn.

**PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD
ORGANIZED ON WEDNESDAY**

In response to a call for the organization of a Presbyterian Brotherhood nearly 40 men attended the preliminary meeting at Bethany church Wednesday night. Ladies were also invited to attend and 20 or more accepted the invitation. After talks by Rev. Robert McLean, Mr. Smith, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Oregon and Idaho, N. G. Pike and T. P. Cramer, temporary officers were elected as follows: President, Wm. Best; secretary, A. A. Ingalls, and a committee on organization composed of Messrs. N. G. Pike, T. P. Cramer, H. C. Kinney, A. A. Ingalls and Geo. Riddle was appointed. Refreshments were then served.

The Brotherhood has for its object to more actively enlist in the work of church lines and to co-operate with other brotherhoods in all that pertains to the betterment of the city.

There is already an enrolment of more than 40 and it is expected that the membership will reach 60 or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trimble went to Leland Thursday morning, where they will spend a month or six weeks rusticating in the wilds near that place for the benefit of Mr. Trimble's health, as he is just recovering from a long siege of typhoid fever.

A. Fridel, of Grand Junction, Colo., is spending a week in this city looking over the real estate with a prospect of locating here.

Brigadier R. Dubbin, of the Salvation army, will be with the local corps on Wednesday and Thursday evening, when he will swear in soldiers, dedicate babies and commission local officers. These services will be held at the army barracks and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Williams, of the Rogue River Orchard company, spent Thursday in Grants Pass on business and visiting with relatives and returned in the evening to Merrill.

Mrs. F. J. Gardenhire and little son left Thursday morning for Roseburg to join Mr. Gardenhire, who is a brakeman on the Southern Pacific road. They expect to reside permanently in Roseburg in future.

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Attorney Fred Williams went to Merrill on legal business Thursday morning.

Mrs. Mesdames Riely and Becker, successors to Mrs. Weidman, held their millinery opening at the Chapeau on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4. The ladies, who are artists in their line of business, had one of the most beautiful window decorations ever seen in Grants Pass. The window was draped with pale green chiffon, caught up in clusters and streamers, in a manner most effective for showing to the best advantage the wonderful creations of millinery art on display in the window. The ladies themselves attractively gowned displayed a charming manner of exhibiting their goods, which made the afternoon a pleasure to the ladies visiting their store. The latest styles were on exhibition, ready for the purchaser and altogether the opening days of the "Chapeau" were successful and pleasant in the extreme.

The handsome city team of match-bays is resplendent in a new harness, the handwork of G. M. Rowley,

manager of the Jewell Hardware company's harness department. During his trip to Chicago last summer he visited many of the leading harness manufactories in the hope of securing a new design for the city harness, but being unsuccessful in finding anything to suit him, he designed the pattern from which the harness, but being unsuccessful in finding anything to suit him, he designed the pattern from which the harness. The harness is nickel-trimmed and very handsome. The name housing contains the name "City Team" in large nickel letters. Mr. Rowley also made a handsome set of harness similar in design for the Bunch Transfer company and is now engaged in making harness housings for H. N. Parker. The work is strictly up to date; a splendid example of first-class harness work.

**CONDITION OF NATIONAL
BANKS CALLED FOR**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The comptroller of the currency issued today a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business March 7.

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