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GRANTS PASS IN EYE OF TRAVELERS

THE CITY IS BEING TALKED ABOUT EVERYWHERE

MANY PEOPLE COMING HERE

Mr. Sherman Advocates a Tent City to Accommodate Many Visitors.

W. B. Sherman, the real estate man, returned last Saturday morning from a several weeks trip in northern Oregon and Washington. In talking to a representative of The Courier he said:

"No matter where I have been, whether on a steamer, in a pullman, in a smoker or on a street car, in a cafe or in the lobby of a hotel, whenever our district or land investment was the topic of conversation Grants Pass was first and foremost everywhere. Traveling men, railroad men and everybody are of the same mind, namely, that Grants Pass is now coming into her own.

Mr. Sherman says that the colonists rates which went into effect last Friday will probably bring many more people to the undeveloped, resourceful northwest than any previous year and as far as he can learn Oregon will probably receive much more than her proportion and of all places in Oregon the Rogue river valley will be the objective point.

It is also very gratifying, said Mr. Sherman, to see that the hotels are filled and that people have to be taken to private houses in order to get shelter each night. The majority of these people are here for the purpose of buying homes. Grants Pass should lose no time in establishing a tent city; otherwise we are liable to lose hundreds of homeseekers for the want of a place to be housed while they are buying a place for a home.

It is to be hoped that our land owners will not get their heads swelled over the prosperous outlook and put the price of lands up where they will drive the prospective settler away, but instead will keep on a sane and businesslike basis. They are coming, fellows, certainly coming, and we must prepare to house and look after them. It is a certainty that they are coming to the right place. Grants Pass is going to be the railroad center, and this is going to give us a water rate that will make Grants Pass the largest distributing station between Portland and San Francisco.

MEN'S CLUB HAS AN INTERESTING MEETING

As was expected, Tuesday's meeting of the Men's club was one of the best since its organization, the crowd being large and the entertainment different than heretofore, taking away any tendency toward stiffness or formality. Mr. Townsend gave a very entertaining and instructive talk entitled "A Trip Around the World," which, in fact, was composed of anecdotes and experiences from his own life as a traveler. The Messrs. Herrick, Herrick, Isham and Martin composed a male quartette that gave several much appreciated musical numbers. Chairman Sam Baker, of the entertainment committee, sprung a good stunt when he passed blank cards to all present and requested that each strive to secure the greatest number of names of those having from different states, and that each collect the names of as many as he could who were natives of their own state. It was found there were 5 states represented in the crowd. L. E. McDaniels having the honor of being the only southerner present. Ice cream and wafers were served as refreshments and after a half hour spent singing old time songs and chatting the club adjourned, to meet in one month.

LANDSCAPE GARDENER HERE ON PARK PLANS

Mr. Rose, landscape gardener of the Southern Pacific, was in the city yesterday conferring with the park committee of the Commercial club and the Ladies' Auxiliary with reference to the filling in of the south park. With \$1200 to spend on the 300 feet lying between the express office and Sixth street, Mr. Rose promises a neat and attractive parkage. It was decided to fill in level with the street, leaving, however, a space 50 by 100 a little east of the center of the park which will be developed into a sunken garden, planted in red roses. On the south slope of this garden will be the name "Grants Pass" in white stone, against the green background of lawn. The old bandstand will be removed and it is hoped the citizens of Grants Pass will come forward with some provision for a new one in keeping with the surroundings. Wide walks will be laid around the sunken garden and the band stand. Entrance to the park will be from the corners on Sixth street, also Seventh. Water pipes will be laid from the company's tank while the filling is being done. Provision will also be made for the filling in of the proposed lily pond on the north side of the track. Nothing will be done this year between Sixth and Fifth streets after the moving of the old depot, except that the poor varieties of roses now being cultivated just south of the old depot will be replaced with some finer varieties.

PLANS FOR THE GAS COMPANY'S BUILDING

A. W. Butler, of the Grants Pass Gas company, says plans are now being drawn for necessary buildings and a portion of the machinery ordered for the gas plant, but on account of the many recent improvements in gas making machinery he is taking more time to investigate the effectiveness of the more recent inventions and he promises to Grants Pass one of the most modern plants on the coast.

The actual laying of the pipes will not commence until the plant is nearly completed, as this part of the work is but a matter of a few weeks.

In making estimates as to the number of connections it would be necessary to make an actual count of the residences in the city was made, which shows a total of over 1400 houses and 82 more in course of construction at the present time.

BROODER CAUSES BLAZE

Ring of the bell about 8 o'clock Thursday night brought out the department to attend to a fire in the poultry house, wood shed and paint shop at the rear of the L. R. Lamphere residence near the bridge on South Sixth street. The fire burned fiercely for some time, attracting many people who expected to find a serious conflagration. The department quickly responding to the alarm rushed the hose cart to the nearest fire plug at the corner of Fifth and M streets. Arriving at the plug one of the men exclaimed: "It's a goner. We have not enough hose." Without delay, however, the hose was run out and a second cart sent for. When the water reached the building Fire Chife Proctor decided as the building was already well consumed to let the fire finish its work and directed the energy of the department to protecting adjacent property.

The fire started in a chicken brooder where some 20 high-class chicks were some 20 high-class chicks snuggled close to their artificial mother. In some unexplained way the brooder caught fire from the lamp used to heat it. Some of the neighbors liberated the older fowls, but the loss included paint and painters' materials to the amount of \$100 or more, besides the building.

ROOSEVELT PARTY AT GRAND CANYON

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Mar. 16.—Colonel Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel arrived at the Grand Canyon today. They will spend the day in sight-seeing.

ENGINE RECEIVED FOR NEW ROAD

SIXTY-TON EIGHT WHEELER PUT TO WORK IMMEDIATELY

BRIDGE TIMBER IS ARRIVING

Temporary Structure Will Be Completed and Cars Running Across by May 1.

A 60-ton locomotive arrived this morning for the Grants Pass and Rogue River railway company which will be in use without delay. Flat cars and box cars will follow shortly. There will be forty teams working on the road by Saturday and they will be strung along on the south side of the river, following the clearing of the right-of-way as far as Madrona. The material for the temporary bridge had arrived and has already been delivered on the river bank, where it was unloaded from the cars. This bridge will be erected and used during the construction period of the road, but when the steel which has been ordered for the permanent bridge is delivered this wooden structure will become the false work in putting up the steel bridge. This temporary bridge will be completed and ready for use by May 1. There has already been ordered from the Colorado Fuel and Iron company 2800 tons of steel rails. The delivery will commence in April and will continue through the summer as the material may be needed. Bolts, angle-bars and spikes accompany this order. Permanent stakes have been set as far as Madrona and preliminary surveys will be made beyond as fast as possible, with a view to seeing the permanent stakes so that construction may be in progress on the whole line.

VIOLENT SCENES MARK THE CAMORRA TRIAL

VITERBO, Italy, Mar. 16.—Violent scenes marked the first real day's program in the trial of two score of Camorristas, charged with murder. The jury served a demand on the court for increased pay and Judge Bianchi, at the request of the minister of justice, refused it.

While the prosecuting office was reading an account of the Cuocoli murder, Morra DoGenarro, the youngest defendant, cried hysterically and said: "I swear innocence."

Ciro Vitozzo, the priest-prisoner, comforted DoGenarro and declared he was sharing the defendant's sufferings in order to save his soul from purgatory.

The defendants frequently interrupted the trial. Alfano, the ring-leader spat in the faces of newspaper reporters and denounced the court.

AERIAL SCOUTS GET PRACTICE IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 16.—Although 14,000 troops have arrived here and are in camp the government still holds nearly every car that was used to transport them and their equipment.

Quantities of ammunition arriving are left on the cars. Tourist sleepers, day coaches, 400 gondolas, stock cars and locomotives also are being held here, but railway officials will not say whether the government is paying the demurrage.

The 14,000 troops are being recruited to a strength of 20,000. The first "maneuvers" took place today when several regiments were ordered to conceal themselves in the country nearby, while Lieutenant Foulois and Aviator Parmelee were ordered to scout duty and instructed to find the concealed forces and report their numbers, location, equipment, position of guns and the most vulnerable point of attack. It is intended that the aerial scouts shall be given the most severe tests.

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NEW PUMPS INSTALLED IN THE ALMEDA MINE

Development work on a large scale is going on in the Almeda mine and they have just completed the installation of a number 7 Cameron pump at the 300-foot level on the big shaft and a number 5 pump of the same kind on the 500-foot level. Drifting is going on on the 300, 400 and 500 foot levels. The work is being pushed earnestly, not only on those levels, but on the main shaft. From now on there will be great activity on this property, the object being to find the full size, both in width and depth, of the main ore body. The shaft will go down to the depth of a thousand feet and drifts will be driven at certain points as the work proceeds. This shaft has now reached the depth much greater than any other mine in the camp, and the determination is to follow the ore body downward, in the belief that greater values will be found as greater depth is reached.

Preparations are now being made to construct a number of ore bins at the head of the shaft and each of these will have a capacity of two hundred tons, and also several more coke-bins, with a storage capacity of about 800 tons. This in addition to the bins already in place will hold enough coke to carry the smelter through any period of failure to keep up the supply which is to come from the railroads. It is the purpose of the company to keep a large force at work, both on the mine and on the auto-truck road.

ADVANCE SHEETS NEW BOOKLET RECEIVED

Advance proof sheets have been received by Secretary Harry Andrews, of the Commercial club, for the 48-page publicity booklet, descriptive of Grants Pass and Josephine county, which gives promise of being the most elaborate and altogether handsome piece of advertising literature ever gotten out in the valley. Under the "Community Publicity Plan" adopted by the Southern Pacific railroad, a 35,000 issue of this magnificent piece of art printing is to cost the club \$3,000, while it is estimated that the initial cost will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000, the railroad bearing the balance of the expense and, of course, using thousands of copies for advertising purposes through its various bureaus. The matter of passing upon the proof sheets at hand will come up before the board of trustees and advertising committee at once for acceptance.

The covers of the publication, as being exhibited, are most artistically designed, having embossed letters in black and gold with luscious bunches of fruit on front and back. The whole arrangement is one of exquisite taste and proportion. The text of the book is to be printed on the finest quality of book paper and will be profusely illustrated with rural, orchard and mining scenes, indicative of the wonderful resources and magnificent scenery to be found throughout the county and adjacent territory. In the taking up of the various subjects treated, the opening paragraphs are richly illumined with initial letters, showing bits of woodland scenery, fruit and landscape. Altogether the publication is one of the richest and most elaborate booklets issued by Grants Pass Commercial club and is a credit to the community.

NO DUTY ON LIVESTOCK COMING FROM MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Steps to protect the livestock of Mexican ranchers from the rebels were taken today when the treasury department issued a special order allowing stock to be brought across the border, under bond, free of duty. In an accompanying statement the department declared that tariff laws had been stretched in view of the unsettled conditions in Mexico.

BLISS FINDS FAVORABLE FIELD FOR MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—General T. H. Bliss reported to the war department today from San Diego that he had found a favorable maneuver field at La Mesa, 18 miles from San Diego. He will encamp two regiments there temporarily.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

GEO. C. SABIN NEW PRESIDENT —BOARD RE-ELECTED

MONEY FOR ADVERTISING

Some of the Good Things Accomplished by This Popular Organization

As a fitting climax to a year of hard work and much success, the regular annual meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial club was held Monday evening and goes down in local history as the biggest event in the life of the club. The meeting, attended by over 220 members, proved a veritable love feast, and jollification of boosters, kindly feeling and a spirit of harmony pervaded the big assemblage as a retrospective view was taken of the past year and its work. One of the most encouraging features of the meeting was the large per cent of business and professional men in attendance, indicating a vital interest in the work of the club by the most substantial people of the city.

The important business of the evening was the election of officers and the following gentlemen were elected as the club's officers for 1911: President, Geo. C. Sabin; vice-president, Sam Baker; treasurer, Dr. W. Walker; secretary, H. L. Andrews. The two outgoing trustees, R. L. Coe and O. S. Blanchard, were re-elected to succeed themselves. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president, L. B. Hall, for his untiring efforts in the club's welfare, to which he responded in a most fitting and pleasing manner. Mr. Hall retires after four years of service.

Each of the newly elected officers were called upon to address the club, which they did, throwing out many bits of wit, good suggestions and words of appreciation that were well received. Dr. Walker, the newly elected treasurer, having pulled teeth too long to want to prolong the agony, bellowed his remarks down to "Thanks," as it was drawing along toward the mystic hour when the club's celebrated lunches generally are in evidence. Secretary Andrews, who was elected for a fifth term to his important office, outdid himself as an impromptu speaker, predicting for Grants Pass 40,000 population by the time the next census is taken. He suggested that we stop talking about our neighbor cities, but rather join with them in boasting for a greater Rogue River valley, suggesting that otherwise the thought of an electric road from Grants Pass to Ashland must be a vain hope. He stated his office would be conducted with the welfare of every citizen of this valley and Josephine county in view, but should the time ever come when it would be necessary to conduct the office in the interests of any sect, faction or clique, his official chair would be found vacant.

Chairman T. P. Cramer submitted the report of the park committee, showing that the committee has taken the matter of park improvement up with Superintendent Field of the Southern Pacific, who had stated that \$1500 would be available for park improvement from Sixth to Seventh streets; this to include laying of water pipe. That the small parking plot south of the Kinney & Truax corner would also be improved and that an appropriation had been made for the installing of cluster lights from Sixth street to the new depot.

The advertising committee reported \$2500 so far raised for advertising purposes, with many business men yet to be seen.

A report from the auditor showed the club to be in splendid financial condition, the books disclosing a cash balance on hand of \$1174.43.

Secretary Andrews made a hit when he showed the club's liabilities to be "15,000 population in 1915." Lack of space prevents that part of the secretary's very comprehensive report given under the caption of

"Marks of Progress," but an outline of the achievements of the organization for the year as suggested therein follows:

Organization of Commercial club band, the only one in the state, under the leadership of Mr. Applehoff; the new depot, urged and undertaken at the instance of the club; special excursion of Portland business men and the visit of Louis J. Hill to this city; meetings held in the interests of good roads, irrigation, street improvement and many other forms of general and municipal advancement. Along publicity lines, beside the caring for thousands of personal inquiries, the sending out of 45,000 colonist folders; distributing 15,000 16-page folders at Chicago Land show; 10,000 large booklets have also been mailed out by the club. In all over 70,000 pieces of literature were distributed during the year, telling of Grants Pass and Josephine county. The successful meeting of the agricultural fair, the best ever held, which netted \$1500. The interesting of Messrs. Reed & Reed of Kansas City, in Rogue river land, causing the investment here of over \$100,000. The increasing of the club's quarters and the installing of more and better equipment. The interesting and establishment of the Rogue River Railroad company and the securing of \$70,000 subscription to the stock of said railway, and many other items of interest and worthy of note.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held the second Monday in April.

NEXT DISTRICT FAIR AT MEDFORD IN SEPT.

The annual meeting of the board of commissioners of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural society was held at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, A. Perry, Medford; vice-president, E. T. Staples, Ashland; secretary, C. A. Malboeuf, Medford; treasurer, J. S. Orth, Medford. There were present at the meeting J. A. Perry, L. B. Hall and H. C. Bateham, the other members of the board being unable to come to Grants Pass.

The next district fair will be held at Medford September 27, 28 and 29. It being the custom to rotate the place of meeting between Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland in the order named.

STRIKE BREAKER IS FATALLY WOUNDED

SOMERSET, Ky., Mar. 16.—Armed strikers and mountaineers attacked a Queen & Crescent railway engine in the mountain district near here today and fatally wounded fireman Powers, a white strike-breaker. The engine guard is missing and it is believed he was also slain. Powers declared that the guard refused to fire upon the strikers.

The entire male population of King's Mountain is armed and preparing to prevent the passage of trains through a tunnel here.

Somerset was dark last night, owing to insufficient power to operate the railroad-controlled light plant. The factories at Burnside were closed yesterday. The traffic between here and Oakdale, Tenn., is at a standstill and many towns are facing a food famine. The loss to the Queen & Crescent so far is estimated at more than a million dollars. Governor Wilson today ordered the sheriff of Pulaski county to swear in 500 deputies and arm them to protect property.

BURNS SAYS SEATTLE IS THE CLEANEST CITY IN U. S.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—Seattle is now the cleanest town in the United States, according to Detective W. J. Burns, who arrived in Portland today after completing his work of gathering evidence of police corruption in Seattle. Burns is engaged in investigating the Humboldt gold bullion robbery.

Burns asserted that San Francisco was not as clean as Seattle.

"It will take another election to clean San Francisco of its crooks," he said. "There is no doubt that the reform element is triumphant in California."