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GRANTS PASS, ORE., FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1911.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT PETITION

The Courier has been reliably informed that the petition to be presented to the county court favoring the organization of an irrigation district in this part of Josephine county has been signed by the required five hundred property owners and that the same will be published according to law next week. This will be gratifying news to a large number of people in this county who are anxious to secure irrigation. It should be remembered that the organization of an irrigation district does not prevent the securing of water for our thirsty lands this year, but, on the contrary, the getting of water will be a great help toward obtaining a majority of votes for the district. What we need is to get together and the organization of the irrigation district, being the one important thing, all should favor it. Let no one stand in the way of this project, for, be it understood, the irrigation of this part of the Rogue River valley means much, not only to the farmer but to all the business interests of Grants Pass.

THE GRANTS PASS ROSE FESTIVAL.

The next thing in order is the rose festival and we are proud to say that the people of this city are going to make it worthy of Grants Pass and the auxiliary ladies who have it in charge. Nothing will be left undone which will in the least tend toward success. The ladies are to issue the orders and the entire male population of the city stands with hat in hand ready to obey. June 13th is the date set for the festival and that it will be a great success goes without saying. All nature seems in harmony with the coming event as the beautiful weather is here which insures the ripening of the roses which are to be the central figure of the occasion.

PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS IN GRANTS PASS.

Grants Pass is to make a record growth this season in the way of street improvements. Quite a number of contracts will be let for paving in the very near future, and at least three miles of bitulithic and macadam will be laid this year. Cement sidewalks and curbs will be put in on many streets and numerous residence blocks will be graded. Taken all together, the progress made during 1911 will exceed that of any year in the past. These improvements correspond with the 150 new residences which have been constructed within the last twelve months. No city in southern Oregon has kept pace with Grants Pass during the last two years, and its future growth and prosperity is assured. People from far and near now admit that Grants Pass is on the map.

ALMEDA'S SMELTER DEMONSTRATION SUCCESSFUL.

The Almeda smelter is turning out ten tons of matte per day and this means the running through of something over a hundred tons of ore within that time. The smelter certainly justifies its cost, and it is demonstrating that the Almeda ore can be smelted successfully. As soon as the time comes when the matter of transportation is reduced, the smelter can be enlarged with slight cost, to a four or five hundred ton plant when the production and smelting of ore at the Almeda will be the most profitable business in the state of Oregon. This, taken together with the fact that there is a body of ore, which is practically inexhaustible, means that Josephine county has a mine which will soon be one of the greatest producers not only in the United States, but, for that matter, the world. The success of the smelter is indeed a triumph, worthy of notice, and the people of southern Oregon have a right to rejoice over the practical demonstration, which has just been made.

THE WORK JUST AHEAD OF US.

For the next few months let us confine our attention to the development of our own city and county. Whatever we do in this direction will mean the upbuilding of our best interests. Paved streets, a practical and successful sewer system together with sanitary measures and precautions will make here a city desirable as a place of residence for those who are in search of a good climate and healthful surroundings. There are other things which count at this time.

The Grants Pass schools have long held a first position in southern Oregon, but they are not content to possess less than all the later educational advantages such as are found in the best schools of the great cities of the country. By this means our city will become known as

an educational center second to nothing elsewhere. The completion and occupation of the high school, which has taken place this year, marked a new era in our educational world, and Grants Pass will from this on occupy a higher place, in many respects, than at any time in the past, so let us go on to conquer along all the lines which constitute the better things brought about through our devotion to the best interests of this city.

Next will come the improvements of our water system, which, unfortunately, are demanded with emphasis at this time. However, we must smile and bear the present conditions until the people can own and control their own system. Grants Pass is now large enough, strong enough, and rich enough to put in a first-class system, which will insure health and reduce the price of the water service to a point far below its present cost. The property owners of this city are entitled just that amount of protection which they themselves champion and secure. Cheap and pure water is a city's best asset and it will be wisdom on the part of the people to bring this about at the earliest possible day.

WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

City government by commission is now in the hands of the committee appointed by the mayor, headed by the city attorney. The work is fairly in hand and good results may be expected in the near future. Grants Pass has reached the point where modern government is demanded. The old, slow, out-of-date and impractical methods of a half century ago have too long held the city back. It is true Grants Pass has prospered during the past two years, but it has done so not by and through the help of the city charter, but in spite of this handicap. The taxpayers and citizens generally are entitled to the best which modern agencies can furnish, and it is our duty to provide these up-to-date methods when they are within our reach.

EVERYONE TO BE RATED

Grants Pass Merchants to Have Credit Guide

The Merchants' Mercantile company, of Portland, is preparing to publish a credit guide for this district, including Josephine county.

By this system this county will be put in direct touch with credit conditions all over the United States and whenever anyone moves here from any other part of the United States, the merchants here will be at once posted through this company as to how the party paid his bills where he formerly lived.

These credit guides are made up in districts covering every state in the Union. They are made from the combined experience of all the merchants in each of the districts and every merchant rates his own customers according to how they have paid him. Before a customer is rated he is given notice by letter that he will be rated, and is given a chance to pay up his old account and thus secure a good rating.

Each merchant and professional man is furnished with a copy of the guide, so that he may refer to it and look up the rating of any customer or prospective customer before giving any credit. 216*

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,)
) ss.

Lucas County.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh cure.
FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,
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A new stock of "Jap-a-lac" just received at Cramer Bros.

Mrs. Phillip Helmer went to Medford Thursday morning to attend the graduating exercises of St. Mary's academy. She will spend several days in that city.

It is worse than useless to take any medicine internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all good dealers.

Did Not Locate Lawrence Ground—

An article in a recent number of the Portland Journal states that my partner, Thos. Watson, and myself located on the mining claim of Frank Lawrence, who disappeared from his cabin in the Kerby district last fall. I wish to state that I have never been on the claim and that we did not locate the land. The statement was made for the purpose of injuring me and my partner.

E. ANDREWS.

CEMENT WORKER IS MADE POLICE COMMISSIONER

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Lawrence Flaherty, third vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Cement Workers and business agent for the local union, was today appointed police commissioner to succeed Walter E. O'Connell, who resigned last Monday. Flaherty has never held political office. He assumed the commissionership yesterday.

Mrs. Lella Pilgrim, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, of this city, left Thursday morning for Hills, Cal., where she goes to join her husband for the summer.



Table

Delicacies

Coffee Drinkers Know Where to Get the Finest

To those who prefer chocolate or cocoa a word—We have Bendorp's Royal Dutch Cocoa (Imported), nothing better to be had. Baker's cocoa, Lowney's powdered chocolate, Lowney's cocoa, and Ghirardelli's ground chocolate and cocoa. Cocos and chocolates for a hot drink for children and invalids recommended by physicians. SWIFT'S PREMIUM BOILED HAM—Sliced beef, sliced bacon, sliced thick or thin, as you want it. For those sandwiches try the Spanish Pimentos, Queen Olives, Dill Pickles. All kinds of Lunch Crackers.

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Gentlemen, quality ought to be your guide: all wool, hand tailored, honest linings cost money, but they wear. We never have had and never shall have anything but all wool to show you. The best that can be put into clothes is

None too Good for Our Customers

That this reliability costs less here than elsewhere, is the truth. If somebody else sells clothing lower than we do, it is because they ignore quality—risk satisfaction—trust to luck.

There is no luck here—solid, substantial, fast-selling. Go into this subject this season before you buy, and let the best win, not the cheapest.

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