

**REV. BROOKE RETURNS.**

Mr. Brooke, minister of the Christian church, who has been attending the international convention of Christian churches, convened at Portland July 4 to 11, returned Friday evening. This is the first assembly of this people to meet on the Pacific coast. The delegates and ministers from the east were much impressed by the beauties of the "Rose City" and the possibilities of development along both commercial and church lines in the Pacific northwest. There was apparent a commendable spirit of unity and co-operation between the various religious bodies of the city during the entire convention, the White Temple, the Grace Methodist Episcopal, and the First Presbyterian churches being given over to the uses of the convention during its entire session.

The pulpits of one hundred and thirty-five of the leading churches were occupied on convention Sunday by ministers of the convention. It was stated by various speakers, those who had attended many, that the Portland gathering was one of the greatest conventions ever held by the brotherhood. The thought that dominated the entire session was the necessity of unity and co-operation among all Protestant churches in presenting the Christian religion as adequate to the needs and demands of the times.

The convention has served another vital purpose, in showing to those of the middle west, where the church is strong, the great need and opportunity for development and expansion on the Pacific coast. It is believed that this recent visit of the east to the west will speedily bear fruit in a larger activity on the sunset side of the Rockies.

Mrs. W. L. Cooper and little son returned to their home at Yreka, Cal., Wednesday morning after a visit of several days with Mrs. Cooper's sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Dunn.

J. Pardee went to Newport Tuesday evening on a vacation trip.

**Preaching Services.**

Preaching services will be held at Penn-Oregon on Sunday, July 24, at 11 a. m., and at Provolt at 3 p. m.

**Church Services Sunday.**

Several of the churches of the city will unite in Sunday evening services, beginning July 23, and continuing for four Sundays, all services to begin at 8 p. m.

July 23, Newman Methodist Episcopal church, sermon by F. C. Lovett.

July 30, Methodist Episcopal Church South, sermon by D. K. Leech.

August 6, Presbyterian church, sermon by F. M. Brooke.

August 13, Christian church, sermon by T. M. Canfield.

August 20, Baptist church, sermon by Robert McLean.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all these services.

**WOLF CREEK NEWS.**

G. W. Deans, of Three Pines, spent several days in our vicinity shaking hands with old friends.

Fred Wilson, of Three Pines, was a visitor in our city last week.

R. W. Davis, of Three Pines, spent Sunday with old friends here.

C. S. Carely, of this place, spent several days with Roy Davis at Three Pines this week.

F. B. Jones, who is working on the telephone line at Central Point, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Z. C. Brown, of Golden, has returned from spending a week with her husband at Butte Falls.

E. H. Perkins spent Tuesday in Grants Pass.

W. G. Smith, Mr. Stason and Mr. Gallinger returned Tuesday from a business trip to Ashland.

There was a good display of ore from the Wolf creek district on exhibit in Grants Pass during the mining congress there.

Mrs. J. M. Pinkerton was a Grants Pass caller Tuesday.

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# A MERRY RACE

## Great Interest Now Developing In The Peerless Piano Contest

NOTHING like this contest was ever seen before, from the standpoint of the liberal prize and the widespread interest shown by the contestants. New ones are coming in each week, Grants Pass hustlers are lining up their friends, while the country districts are making the race a warm one.

### Here's The Way They Stand

## 100 Has Narrow Lead for 1st

It's the 40,000 class this week that counts, and there never was such a race as this. No 100 takes first place, No. 78 drops from first to second. No. 135 is getting down to a gait that's going to make them all dust along and with 17,675 votes she scrambles into the winning list for third place. No. 29 holds her own at fourth place and No. 87 jumps from nowhere into the bunch of fast ones in a way that looks like getting money from home. Among the leaders, this week are two young ladies from Grants Pass: Nos. 100 and 78. Two from Murphy, Nos. 135 and 87, and No. 29 from Gold Hill. While the city girl seems to have the advantage in the way of getting votes, such is not entirely the case as there are more after the city votes. The country contestants are fewer and have a larger field to hustle in, which statement is proven by the fact that 3 out of 5 in the winning class are out of town girls. However, the city girl has a splendid field in which to show her popularity and see friends in her behalf. Work hard from the start, you'll have less to overcome at the finish. This contest is destined to be the biggest affair of its kind ever held in this locality, as the piano is the best instrument that \$400 will buy and it has cost neither the winner nor those who gave her votes, absolutely one cent. It is a free gift, from the clothing house that splits profits and appreciates your friendship and business. If our goods don't suit, don't forget it's a money back proposition with us—we sell only what gives satisfaction.

**WEEK ENDING JULY 19th**

No. 1	39,225	No. 31	23,110	No. 62	13,640	No. 96	34,415
" 2	23,000	" 32	18,450	" 63	11,860	" 97	28,375
" 3	21,000	" 33	13,040	" 64	28,415	" 98	19,960
" 4	22,300	" 34	33,850	" 65	27,685	" 100	42,595
" 5	3,340	" 36	29,245	" 66	31,360	" 107	13,110
" 6	29,105	" 37	17,060	" 67	29,840	" 108	19,737
" 7	28,515	" 38	17,150	" 68	29,960	" 109	35,750
" 8	23,210	" 39	14,075	" 69	35,700	" 110	38,200
" 9	34,125	" 40	18,710	" 70	36,470	" 111	17,415
" 10	34,870	" 41	20,905	" 71	28,180	" 112	33,435
" 11	25,141	" 42	23,055	" 72	39,225	" 113	21,965
" 12	33,040	" 43	8,070	" 73	30,365	" 119	36,435
" 13	38,810	" 44	32,090	" 74	31,760	" 120	33,820
" 14	18,180	" 45	36,935	" 75	39,355	" 123	36,925
" 16	31,600	" 46	38,775	" 76	36,570	" 127	18,465
" 17	33,010	" 47	37,915	" 77	38,380	" 128	37,710
" 18	30,600	" 49	34,360	" 78	41,570	" 129	39,560
" 19	16,775	" 50	35,515	" 79	25,650	" 130	38,280
" 20	38,150	" 51	38,080	" 80	28,040	" 131	32,210
" 21	21,800	" 52	21,045	" 81	2,000	" 132	19,520
" 22	38,365	" 53	12,730	" 82	33,620	" 133	38,095
" 23	22,010	" 54	11,835	" 83	31,820	" 134	32,200
" 24	35,906	" 55	19,655	" 84	30,895	" 135	40,215
" 25	26,960	" 56	29,905	" 85	37,580	" 136	32,540
" 26	22,610	" 57	35,750	" 87	39,885	" 137	19,810
" 27	26,720	" 58	32,335	" 88	35,725	" 138	14,270
" 28	18,945	" 59	39,875	" 89	30,725	" 139	29,985
" 29	40,085	" 60	34,405	" 90	35,995	" 140	35,060
" 30	16,090	" 61	18,240	" 91	38,465	" 141	27,305
				" 95		" 142	12,300

# Peerless Clothing Co.

"If Men Wear It, We Have It"

**S. P. COMPANY DIGS UP ORDINANCE IN ITS FAVOR**

There are, no doubt, many persons in Grants Pass that are not aware that 18 years ago the then city council made a law and an agreement with the Southern Pacific that the municipality would never attempt to open another street across the tracks in this city. Such is a fact, however, and the company may invoke this old ordinance in the present attempt to open Fourth and Fifth streets. It is said, however, that the supreme court of Oregon has ruled in a similar case that no city council can legally rob a city of its birthright in such a manner, and knocked out the ordinance. This is possibly the answer which will be made by City Attorney Clements if the company drags the old law before Judge Calkins. The ordinance was approved February 28, 1893 by W. H. Fayle, mayor. The record shows that "Councilmen Burgess, Baughman, Dixon, Smith and Tufts voted yes. Absent, Gray." Sections one and four of the ordinance enjoining the city read as follows:

"Section 1. Whereas, the Southern Pacific company has leased of the Oregon & California Railroad company, and is in the use and possession of the lands and premises situated in the City of Grants Pass, and known as the depot grounds and station house of said company at said town, and owned by the Oregon & California Railroad company, and used for depot grounds and facilities for said company's railroad; and whereas the said City of Grants Pass is desirous of laying out and extending Sixth street through, upon and across said depot grounds and premises, and across the railroad tracks of said railroad company's railroad, from the south line of said depot grounds to the north line thereof, and is also desirous of laying out and extending a street through, across and upon the westerly part of said depot grounds as an extension of South Third street, and is also desirous of extending Eleventh street over and across said company's right-of-way and railroad tracks; and whereas doubts have arisen and exist as to the power and authority of said City of Grants Pass to condemn or appropriate any part or portion of said depot grounds or right-of-way for street purposes under its act of incorporation and charter; and whereas the said Southern Pacific company, in consideration of the agreement on the part of the said City of Grants Pass, that neither it nor its successors shall at any time hereafter, open, lay out, extend or widen any other street or streets of the said City of Grants Pass, except as above mentioned, over, across or upon the said depot grounds or premises, or attempt so to do; and upon that express condition have agreed to allow said city to lay out and extend said Sixth street, and also said other street on the westerly part of said depot grounds, connecting with south Third street on the westerly part of said depot grounds, connecting with south Third street, hereafter particularly described,"

Section 4. In consideration of the granting of the right to use so much of said depot grounds as is required for the extension of said Sixth street and said street across and upon the western part of said depot grounds, connecting with south Third street, and the said Eleventh street as aforesaid, said City of Grants Pass, for itself and its successors, does hereby covenant to and with the said Southern Pacific company and Oregon & California Railroad company that it will not at any time hereafter open, lay out, establish widen or extend any other street or streets or any addition to said Sixth street or said extension of south Third street over, across or upon said depot grounds or premises nor will it attempt so to do. All further right or claim of right to condemn or appropriate any other part or portion of said depot grounds for the purposes of any street or streets being hereby, for the condemnation aforesaid, expressly waived and abandoned by the said City of Grants Pass."

**Bert Riddle Marries—**

Mrs. Geo. Riddle and son, George and Mrs. Joe Wharton left Tuesday evening for Riddle and Roseburg to visit with relatives for several days. While in Riddle they will attend the wedding of Bert Riddle, brother of George Riddle of this city, which was solemnized today. Bert Riddle is well known in Grants Pass, where he will be remembered by many friends. His bride is Miss Ada Fate of Perdue.

A. Harmon, postmaster at Phoenix, is in this city having his eyes treated.