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## WILLIAMS GRANGE 1ST ANNUAL FAIR

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 27-28.

### COMPLETE PREMIUM LIST

Friday is set aside as Grants Pass Day—Many Will Go From Here. Good Time Assured.

Next week, Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29, will be big days on Williams creek for those are the days on which the Grange fair will be held—their First Annual Fair. They are making elaborate preparations for the event and it will, no doubt, be one of the events of the season. Friday has been designated as Grants Pass day and they have made preparations for welcoming a large number of Grants Pass people.

Following is the list of premiums so far as it has been made out:

#### LIST OF PRIZES.

Best individual display from any one farm, \$10 cash and a \$3.00 hat from Geo. S. Calhoun.

Best bushel of potatoes, 5-tooth cultivator, Jewell Hardware company.

Best bushel of onions, \$4.00, Southern Oregon Supply company.

Best five onions, one year's subscription to Weekly Courier.

Best five parsnips, \$1.50.

Best five carrots, \$1.50.

Best five beets, \$1.50.

Best display of grain in the sheath, \$3.50 hat from Bishop Clothing company.

Best five ears of corn, one year's subscription to Weekly Courier.

Best five stalks of corn, \$1.50.

Best five stalks of sorghum, \$1.50.

Best head of kale, \$1.50.

Best cabbage, \$1.00.

Best five tomatoes, \$1.00.

Best pumpkin, \$1.00.

Best squash, one year's subscription to The Weekly Courier.

Best display of fruit, one year's subscription to the Daily Rogue River Courier.

Best five Spitzenberg apples, fruit picker, Rogue River Hardware Co.

Best five Baldwin apples, \$1.00.

Best five Newtown Pippin apples, one year's subscription to The Observer.

Best Ben Davis apples, \$1.00.

Best five Bartlett pears, \$1.00.

Best five Pound pears, \$1.00.

Best five pears of any kind, \$1.00.

Best five peaches of any kind, \$1.00.

Best five plums of any kind, \$1.00.

Best five prunes of any kind, \$1.00.

Best display of grapes, all kinds, \$5.00.

#### Poultry.

Best trio of Plymouth Rocks, \$1.00.

Best trio of White Leghorns, \$1.00.

Best trio of Brown Leghorns, \$1.00.

Best trio of Buff Leghorns, \$1.00.

Best trio of Rhode Island Reds, \$1.00.

Best trio of Orpingtons, \$1.00.

Best ducks of any kind, \$1.00.

Best goose, \$1.00.

Best turkey, \$1.00.

#### Art.

Best painting, mirror, M. Clemens.

Best drawing in pencil, dictionary, M. Clemens.

Best drawing in pen, fountain pencil, A. Letcher.

Best amateur photography, 12 best scenes, 12 photo mounts, Rowell's music store.

Best collection of interest, natural \$1.00.

Best collection of interest, manual, \$1.00.

#### Domestic Products.

Best collection of cooking, cook book, M. Clemens.

Best cake of any kind, cake plate, James Slover.

Best loaf of white bread, one sack of Blue Ribbon flour, Claus Schmidt.

Best loaf of brown bread, sack of whole wheat flour, Gibson grocery.

Best pies, doughnuts and cookies, three pound can of coffee, C. F. Dixon.

Best collection of jellies and can-

## VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR IN REUNION

The Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion association's 19th annual encampment that was held at Woodville last week had an attendance of 90 veterans as against 130 at the last encampment a year ago. Taps was sounded for many of the veterans during the year and others were prevented from attendance by infirmity of declining years.

Most of the members of the association are civil war veterans, a few fought in the southern Oregon Indian wars in the fifties, two served in the Mexican war, while three or four chased Tagalogs in the Philippines.

The annual election of officers, which was held Thursday resulted as follows: B. S. Grant, Grants Pass, colonel commanding; William M. Morris, Rock Point, lieutenant colonel; J. M. Hazelwood, Woodville, major; Mrs. John Patrick, Grants Pass, chaplain.

The retiring officers are: Isaac Woolf, Medford, colonel commanding; W. F. Shaffer, Gold Hill, lieutenant colonel; Byron Beach, Ashland, major; Rev. Robert McLean, Grants Pass, chaplain.

Comrades Adams, Myers and White of Ashland, the association's drum corps, two of whom served all through the civil war in an Iowa regiment, were in attendance. They played the old tunes over and over and made music for the songs sung around the camp fire each evening.

## WHOLESALE MARKET SHIPS CAR FRUIT

The Wholesale Market Exchange assembled and shipped out Saturday to the Salem market another car of fancy fruit. Mr. Axtell states that the growers are taking a great interest in these mixed shipments, and that the local market is being kept clear instead of becoming congested as is usual here at this season, and always results in loss to the merchant as well as the growers. Fruit Inspector Burke passed on this car as being one of the finest to leave this district. It consisted of tomatoes, canteloupes, grapes and nearly a thousand boxes of peaches, part of which were from the famous Dory orchard.

The Misses Nelle and Edna Callahan left Tuesday evening for their home at Dayton, O., going by way of Portland, where they will stop several days with friends. Miss Nelle Callahan has spent the past two years teaching in the Josephine county schools, but Miss Edna has been here only during the summer.

ned fruits, any kind, fruit picture, L. B. Hall.

Best collection of needle work, set of scissors, Grants Pass Hardware Company.

Best piece of embroidery, four sheets of music, Rowell's music store.

Best piece of plain sewing by hand prize from Herbert Smith.

Best quilt, dress shoes from R. L. Coe.

Best sofa cushion, case, Demaray's drug store.

Best piece of needle work by children under fourteen, book from Sablin's drug store.

Best collection of flowers, North Cross cultivator, T. P. Cramer.

Best lady equestrian, silk umbrella, Golden Rule store.

Best draft horse, \$5.00 hat, Peerless clothing store.

Best horse and buggy, \$5.00.

Best colt under one year, \$5.00, safety deposit box, First National bank.

#### Baby Show.

Pretties boy baby under one year, \$2.00 gold nugget, Grants Pass Banking and Trust company.

Prettiest girl baby under one year, \$2.00 gold nugget, Grants Pass Banking and Trust company.

All exhibits must be in place by 12 o'clock, (noon), Thursday, the 28th of September. Judging takes place at 3 o'clock Friday, September 29.

Baby show, 10 o'clock, a. m., Friday.

Horse parades, 2 o'clock, p. m., Friday.

Dance, Friday evening in the public hall.

Friday is Grants Pass day. Refreshments on the ground.

## EARLY HISTORY GRANTS PASS CRESCENT ROAD

Regarding the proposed smooth highway from Grants Pass to Crescent City, and with particular reference to an article by John A. Dale published last Sunday in the Courier, together with an editorial on the subject, W. J. Wimer, one of the best posted men on affairs in Josephine county, gave The Courier Tuesday, some interesting history on the road matter, and explained the details of an effort in the early 80's to build a proper road from Grants Pass to the city by the sea. Mr. Wimer, in 1881, sometime between 1880 and 1884 realized that something should be done to get a real road. After considerable thought over the matter he evolved the plan to call a mass meeting of representatives of Josephine county, Jackson county and Del Norte county, California. He made the call, it was a popular one, and representatives or delegates came from the three counties, and met in mass meeting at Waldo. The result was that it was decided to have a survey made, and it was made by the three counties and cost in the neighborhood of \$1,400. J. S. Howard, the veteran civil engineer, now a resident of Medford, was the chief of the engineering corps, and chose the same route Mr. Dale proposed in his article of last Sunday. The surveying party was composed of from 14 to 16 men, and spent three or four months in the work. Viewers beat the hills in reconnoitering for the best and most feasible stretches of roadway. The altitude mentioned by Mr. Dale measures 3,100 feet, which is at Howard summit, making a climb of 1,500 feet from Waldo.

A route could be run on Elk creek, which would probably be 500 feet lower, though much new road would have to be constructed on this route. It would lead through Elk Creek valley.

Why Gasquet built his road over the mountain was for the purpose of forcing teamsters to stop at his place and purchased his provender. Had the run been made down Smith river, the many valleys would have afforded travelers chances to camp and to secure feed for teams and food for themselves without stopping at Gasquet's, hence Gasquet's successful scheme to send the road over the mountain and to make his station the Mecca for all comers and goers.

The road proposed by the delegates to the mass meeting and surveyed by Mr. Howard never materialized, though Wimer & Sons, one the father, the other the brother of W. J. Wimer, by himself as one of the firm, built the six miles of road up the east hill in Josephine county to the state and county lines, a route which could not be selected elsewhere, and conducted it as a toll road. This six miles cost \$6,000, or \$1,000 a mile, and the county paid \$2,350 of this. Later, W. J. Wimer & Sons gave this stretch of 6 miles to Gasquet on condition that he would build this way and connect with Mr. Wimer's road. Gasquet complied with this, got the six miles of road, and then on extending his road westward, went over the high mountain instead of going down the Smith river the grade of the six miles of Wimer road is one in 16.

Mr. Wimer recently wrote to engineer Howard at Medford, asking that gentleman if he still had the field notes of the survey of the proposed road. Mr. Howard replied as follows:

"My Dear Fried, W. J. Wimer: "Yours of the 19th instant at hand, replying would say that all of the field maps, etc., were burned up in the fire that destroyed my store in Jacksonville on January 1, 1884, so that I have not a thing to show for the survey of the Crescent City road. "I hope they will improve that road, if it is done it will be the best mountain road on the coast; there are many turns that Gasquet cut short that ought to be improved. "Also I hope they will cut out that portion of the present road from Patrick creek to Gasquet's, and run the road down the creek and Smith river to Gasquet's. There will be much macadam, that is where I surveyed the road and there was never a necessity of going over that hill for the sake of going down again. "As ever your friend, "J. S. HOWARD."

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## RICH GOLD STRIKE NEAR STEAMBOAT

JOHN AND FLOYD BAILEY FIND SPECIMEN ORE.

### MORTARING IS PROFITABLE

Property Has Been Worked for a Number of Years.—Ore Shows Up Well.

This section is again the scene of a rich mining strike, this time at the Afterthought mine, a property which has been worked for several years by its owners, John R. and Floyd Bailey, of this city. The mine is located on Thompson creek about 20 miles from Grants Pass and one and a half miles from Applegate post-office in the same section of country and not many miles distant from the once famous Steamboat mine, which produced over \$600,000.

The owners have been for some time tunneling in the lower of the two levels and exposing ore running from \$200 to \$500 per ton, but one day last week they struck an exceptionally rich streak of specimen ore which is heavy with free gold. J. R. Bailey was in the city a few days ago with a considerable amount of the ore which he displayed to friends and acquaintances. This picture rock is white quartz literally heavy with metal and shot full of free gold. It is found in a well defined contact between andesite porphyry and slate and has every appearance of being a permanent vein, and is pronounced by many as the most promising property in this section.

Quite an amount of the rich ore has been taken out and is being mortared out by hand as there is no mill within easy reach. While the vein, which is about 26 inches in width, is not all specimen rock, there is so much that the free gold can easily be seen from top to the bottom of the drift. It is found at a depth of about 50 feet.

This property was discovered by the Baileys some years ago and sold for \$1,000 to a man of small mining experience who, after working it for some time, became discouraged and sold out to the present owners for a fraction of the original price.

### FREE GUIDE SERVICE AT OREGON CAVES

Forest Supervisor Fromme has just issued a circular relative to free guide service at the Oregon Caves, which reads as follows:

The government guide stationed at the caves will guide visitors one complete trip through both lower and upper caves and the passage adjoining the two levels every day excepting Sunday, from May 1 to October 31, starting from the camp immediately in front of the caves at 2 p. m. Such guide service is entirely free of charge.

Owing to other required duties than guiding, the government guard is not available for guide service except at above time. No fire arms allowed within the caves.

George Sablin of the Model Drug store, and Postmaster George W. Donnell left Tuesday morning for Tunnel Six, where they will spend a number of days in the hills on a hunting trip.

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## COMMERCIAL CLUB FAVORS MOVING DEPOT

The special meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial Club Monday evening to discuss the present state of conditions existing between Grants Pass and the Southern Pacific railway company, was well attended by business men and club members. The president stated the object of the meeting and then followed discussion for two hours in which Messrs Kinney, Myers, McKinstry, Fry, Donnell, Parker, Anderson, Walker, Williams, Jester, Parsons, Best, Gilkey, Hair, and Brower gave opinions. It was the consensus of the opinions that General Manager O'Brien should be invited to come to Grants Pass and the matter be talked over with a committee from the city council empowered to act, and a motion was finally passed to the effect that it is the sense of the meeting that the council do grant the Southern Pacific permission to move its depot across 5th street. The meeting was then adjourned.

## R. L. COE COMPANY REMODELING BUILDING

The R. L. Coe store building on North Sixth and E streets, is to be extensively improved, work beginning on the building this week. The building is to have an added story, which will be fitted with 10 office rooms, four of which will face Sixth street and six facing on E street. These rooms will be equipped with all the latest conveniences and with large plate glass windows. Another room on the second floor will be 25x60 feet in size, to be used as the cloak and suit room of the R. L. Coe Big Store. The stair leading from Sixth street to the upper floor will be on the south side of the building next to the Cargill confectionery store.

The lower story will be entirely remodeled and a handsome new front installed, with a large plate glass display window in the center, and one on each side, making the entire front of plate glass. There will be two entrances at the front of the store, one on each side of the center display window. A new beam ceiling will be another feature of the handsome interior finishing of the first floor. Excavations are now being made for the basement in which the steam heating plant will be installed.

Mr. Coe hopes to have the building operations completed in two months provided weather conditions are favorable. When finished this will be one of the handsomest store buildings in southern Oregon as the work all through is to be of the highest class and the rooms finished in superb style.

### OMAHA ORCHARDISTS HAVE MODEL TRACT

J. J. Curtis and daughter, Mrs. A. H. Fetters, returned Tuesday night to their home at Omaha after spending the past three weeks in this section.

While here Mrs. Fetters made a complete catalogue of their commercial orchard adjoining the Culler orchard, and it will be possible for her to keep a record of each individual tree as to its thriftiness and its value as a producer. They have 25 acres in orchard, 23 of which are Spitzenbergs and Newtowns and the balance one and two-year-old commercial pears. The pears set out last year have made a splendid growth, several of them being now six feet tall and some actually producing a small number of pears, and this without irrigation.

Mrs. Fetters visited a number of orchards in the Medford section and she is confident that their orchard will rank as the best commercial orchard in the Rogue River valley.

Both Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Fetters are greatly pleased with conditions in this country and expressed their intention of so arranging their business matters that they may later on make Grants Pass their home.

Miss Hallie Montgomery went to Eugene Tuesday morning to attend high school this winter.

W. F. Bowen of Medford, was a Grants Pass business visitor on Monday.

## ALAMEDA SMELTER RESUMES OPERATIONS

GALICE, Ore., Sept. 16.—The furnace of the smelting plant of the Alameda Consolidated Mines company was again blown in Saturday and its operations are now far more satisfactory than heretofore owing to certain mechanical changes made in the furnace proper, which insures the handling of a larger tonnage than previously, though the last carload of matte was, when marketed, proved that one week's run would cover the expense of mining and smelting for a full month. The ore on which the smelter is now running comes from No. 3 tunnel in the shaft and is very rich not only in copper but in gold.

## DISCOVERS CHAMBER IN JOSEPHINE CAVES

Custodian Smith of the Marble Caves of Oregon, has just discovered a large, new chamber far underground which is a decided addition to the caves, inasmuch as it has not been marred by vandals in the form of souvenir hunting tourists. The cave was found last week while Mr. Smith was engaged in exploring the farthest recesses of the caves gathering data from which to compile a map. The room is a beautiful one, the ceiling being clustered with countless stalactites ranging in length from an inch to three or four feet, none of them being broken off. Several columns where the stalactites and the stalagmites beneath have joined together are also seen.

This new cavern indicates the beauty of the entire range of underground passages and caverns before tourists during the last thirty years marred the caves by breaking the stalagmites and stalactites free and carrying them away. In places it is evident that large sledgehammers have been used in this vandalism. No longer, however, may this be done with impunity, for Uncle Sam has issued a strict edict that he will harshly deal with those who dare to deface the caverns. Custodian Smith is rigidly enforcing the law.

The government has just completed over three miles of new trail from the upper end of Williams creek to the caves. This makes it comparatively easy to visit the caves as the last ten miles can be covered in short time by horses, and the road to the head of Williams creek is in fair condition for automobiles.

### MINING MANAGER BRINGS BRIDE WEST

George H. Tubbs, the new manager of the mining property of the Oregon Strong Ledge Mining company, formerly known as the Michigan Mining & Milling company, was married at his home city, Charlotte, Michigan, Thursday forenoon, September 14, to Mrs. Emma Morey of Pasadena, California. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's brother, E. C. Hanes, Rev. C. T. Patchell, of the Congregational church officiating. The bridal couple immediately after the ceremony left for San Francisco, later coming to Grants Pass, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Tubbs has been twice mayor of Charlotte, achieving considerable notoriety a few years ago by his strenuous efforts in fighting Sunday baseball. For a number of years, Mr. Tubbs has been a leading business man of Charlotte, but a year ago, he disposed of his business interests.

The stockholders of the Oregon Strong Ledge Mining company, nearly all reside in Charlotte and at a meeting of the board of directors in that city last Tuesday evening, Mr. Tubbs was selected as manager.

### Omaha People Investigating

R. L. Chumbley, wife and daughter, and J. W. McClintock, of Omaha, Neb., spent a day or two looking over the valley with A. N. Parsons and are greatly pleased and impressed with the young commercial orchards in this district. So thoroughly interested were they by correspondence in the Grants Pass district that they made no other stop for investigation between Portland and southern California. They hope to come to Grants Pass to locate within the next 12 months.