

## 90 CARS SHIPPED IN DURING MONTH

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## THIRTEEN ARE SENT OUT

Books of Southern Pacific Freight Office Disclose Some Interesting Facts.

For the month of October to date ninety carloads of productions have arrived in Grants Pass, with only thirteen shipped from this point.

In addition to the full cargoes there is unloaded here daily an average of one car and a half of general merchandise. The ninety cars refers to full cargoes which unload directly onto wagons in the yards.

Of the thirteen carloads of products shipped out, one was box shooks, four hops and seven lumber.

Included in the 90 full carloads arriving there was one car of apples, one car of canned corn, two cars of vegetables, and one car of squash, the latter from Woodville. There were several other classes of goods, but the great bulk of the shipments arriving was feed stuff and hay, with lumber as the second item in the list.

Much of this lumber is worked over and re-shipped.

Speaking today of the great difference in the number of carloads arriving here and the number being sent out, a resident of the city said: "We must wake up. How long can a country keep up such a program and not go to pieces? Not long, I venture. We are selling nothing, shipping nothing.

"We have broad acres of fertile lands here and they should be put under cultivation. The man who owns lands that can be watered by the new irrigation system will reap heavy profits if he will clear that land and sow. He will reap much from the soil and reap much in the way of dollars.

"There is no excuse for Josephine county keeping up this terribly expensive drain, now that we have irrigation. I suppose that many persons have been relying on money sent from the east or money they brought here from the east. That money will not last forever. Josephine county is one of the richest in natural resources and soil on the west coast and with a system of good roads, as now seems assured, and abundant water for irrigation we can make the trade balance in our favor instead of against us as at present."

Josephine county is not alone in its habit of buying far more than it sells, for at a hearing last winter in Medford, before an examiner for the Interstate Commerce commission the fact was brought out that of all goods of every kind and nature used and consumed in Oregon, only 25 per cent originated in the state and 75 per cent was shipped in.

In addition to miscellaneous freight, fourteen carloads of products of various kinds Friday blocked the unloading space in the Southern Pacific yards in Grants Pass. Heavy shipments have been arriving for some months, increasing continually, when Friday the arrival of the fourteen cars, each loaded with one certain product, blocked the yards to such an extent that all teamsters seeking to unload from the cars could not be accommodated at one time, and there was a walling on the part of some.

The full cargoes consisted of grain, meat products, flour and other staple stuff, in addition to household goods, the latter showing that the city and county continues to draw new residents and homeseekers.

Of the commercial products arriving in such large tonnage all of it could be produced in the county, yet thousands of pounds of such pro-

## COUNTY BOOKS ARE BEING EXPERTED

O. F. Callison, employed to expert the books of the various county officials of Josephine county, will not go back farther than six years, although seventeen years have expired since an expert went through the records. An official of the county, in speaking of this, stated that as bondsmen were exempt after six years that it was not deemed necessary to go beyond that date.

Mr. Callison has contracted with the county court to do the work for a salary of \$10 a day, he to employ his own help, and to aid him he has secured the services of W. H. Falten.

It will probably be the first of the year, or later, before the task is finished.

## MORE FAMILIES JOIN THE OMAHA COLONY

Three more eastern families have come to Grants Pass to locate, those of George C. Metcalf, W. R. Gregg and E. R. Whitlock. They come direct from St. Louis, Mo., though formerly from Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Metcalf for 32 years has been chief clerk in the auditor's office of the Pacific Express company, and the other gentlemen associate employes with him. The gentlemen are old acquaintances of the Cramer Brothers and were influenced to come here by A. N. Parsons, who for many years represented the American Express company at Omaha, Kansas City and other cities of the middle west. Through Mr. Parsons they purchased a large tract of choice land adjoining the Rogue River Orchard company, after an investigation at Medford and other districts. The quality of their red soil was approved by Prof. O'Gara, who stated that it was the very best for pears, and they now plan to develop a pear orchard on an extensive scale as fast as possible. They have purchased a team and at once began hauling lumber for the immediate construction of their bungalows.

Mr. Parsons has accomplished good work in bringing so many of his eastern friends here to assist in and profit by the development of this city and the surrounding country. The "Omaha Colony" here is constantly increasing, and the most gratifying feature is the class of people arriving.

## BEGIN SUIT TO VALIDATE GOOD ROADS LAW

A suit to test the validity of the bond issue for good roads recently voted by the people of Jackson county, has been initiated at Medford, the purpose being to clear the atmosphere regarding the present beggared good roads law. The Medford Mail-Tribune tells of the suit as follows:

"Ed. M. Andrews of this city has filed suit in the circuit court against the \$1,500,000 bond issue recently authorized by the voters of Jackson county for the purpose of building good roads. Porter J. Neff and Clarence Reames of this city appear as his attorneys.

"Andrews in his complaint prays for a decree of the court enjoining the county officials from ordering or issuing or negotiating or selling any of the bonds or other obligations of the county.

"The suit will be watched with much interest, not only in Jackson county but throughout the state, for on the decision, will be based for future activities in road building, until such time as the state legislature shall meet and pass new legislation in regard to the matter.

"It is believed that the suit will be set for hearing in the circuit court at an early date. It is certain to be carried to the supreme court. "The county court will fight the suit. A. E. Reames will appear for them."

ducts are shipped in. With irrigation a fact, as it now is, the Southern Pacific will, after next season, begin to haul out instead of hauling so much in.

## SANDERS SECURES IRRIGATION MONEY

HAS LARGE AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED FOR DITCH WORK.

## SEASON OPENS MAY 15TH

Active Ditch Construction To Be Started on Big Scale in Few Weeks.

George E. Saunders, who is in Chicago in connection with irrigation matters, has advised his office here that he has succeeded in having a fund of \$75,000 subscribed for the purpose of carrying on ditch construction until May 15, when the irrigation season opens, and that he is now making collections on these subscriptions.

This is indeed good news to the business men, the ranchers, and the laboring men, as it means a steady payroll during the winter and spring months when other work is practically at a standstill. It also means that the rancher and landowner can now begin clearing his raw land preparatory to receiving water the coming season.

Upon Mr. Saunders' return to Grants Pass, which will probably be within the next week, active ditch construction will be started and pushed vigorously all winter long, and at the opening of the irrigation season of 1912 there will be some forty miles of main canals and ditches.

## VETERINARY LANCE AS AID TO COLLECT BILL

As the result of an altercation at six o'clock Tuesday night between Walter (Jack) Oglesby and J. H. Woolridge, a veterinary, Oglesby was wounded behind the shoulder with a knife, the weapon being described more accurately as a small lance, such as is found in a surgeon's collection of instruments.

The trouble occurred in Burkhalter's stable on Sixth street. A physician sewed up the wound in Oglesby's flesh, a wound which is said to have been some inches long, but not deep. After the operation Oglesby went to the ranch of a relative. The wounded man has for some time been the woods boss for the Three Pines Lumber company, but quit his duties there when the mill recently shut down.

It is alleged that the trouble between the two originated over a fee which Woolridge claimed to be due for treating a sick horse. Oglesby took a horse to Burkhalter's stable. He stated that he did not own the animal, but had it on trial, and might purchase. During Oglesby's absence from the stable the horse became sick, and one of the stable employes sent for Veterinarian Woolridge, who treated the animal. Later Oglesby and Woolridge were at the stable at the same time, when the matter of a fee for treating the animal came up. It is stated that Oglesby demurred at paying for the services of the veterinary, claiming that, in the first place, he did not own the horse; second, that he had not summoned any one to treat it. Then an argument arose, soon to result in a physical combat, with the result that Oglesby was wounded.

One of the employes of the stable stated this morning: "We regret the occurrence; both men are good fellows, and it is unfortunate that the incident occurred. As far as the horse is concerned we will not stand by and see a man's horse remain sick without summoning aid. If the animal should die and we did nothing it would be both cruel to the horse and unjust to the owner. When the horse Mr. Oglesby left at the stable became ill, we got a veterinary as quickly as we could; we have always done that in like cases, and expect to continue such in the future."

## STATE WILL RESTOCK WITH CHINA PHEASANT

For the purpose of restocking the state with Reeves' pheasants and China pheasants, the state fish and game commission has made a three-year contract with Eugene M. Simpson of Corvallis, whereby Simpson will give his exclusive services to the state, as well as the use of his excellently equipped game farm. Simpson's success in the rearing of wild game birds guarantees the state against any possible loss.

The rearing of wild game birds suggests an industry that is practically unknown. Raising pheasants is no more difficult than raising poultry, yet it is far more profitable. In the same measure that everyone fails to succeed in the latter will the facts demonstrate the former. There is a wide market for pheasants, and the demand originates in all parts of the United States.

Under the Oregon law, pheasants raised in captivity, whose wings have been plucked before they are able to fly, may be sold directly to the consumer, providing permit to ship alive is secured from the state game warden. This law is definitely set forth in section 2325, Lord's Oregon Laws, which is a provisional exception to section 2304. The recent fuss over serving China pheasants at the presidential banquet in Portland, October 11, arose over the failure of the newspaper writers to read the whole law. They based their objections upon a part of the law. The statutes would not have been overridden, had the pheasants been served, as a plain reading of the law proves.

It is unlawful to sell the birds during the open season, only during the closed, which enables the game warden to keep a perfect record of every bird that is shipped in the state. It encourages the rearing of the birds, which is a benefit. In other words, an industry of considerable proportions is created.

The state is willing to co-operate with those who wish to raise pheasants, even to providing the eggs, instruction as to rearing and personal attention when required.

## BRICK WORK ON COE BUILDING INTERRUPTED

Work of remodeling the Coe building came to a sudden stop Monday as the result of a disagreement between the brick contractor, Fred F. Smith and Joseph Harper, carpenter, who is employed to superintend the general remodeling of the block.

An I beam at the northeast corner of the structure, one that supports the new brick work, is a fraction lower than the old work. Smith stated today that it was impossible to make the new brick line up just to a hair line with the old brick on account of this defect, but that Foreman Harper insisted that this be done. Contractor Smith resented interference of a carpenter with a brick mason and pulled his men off the job. About 12 men were affected.

Other brick masons have been secured from surrounding towns and the work is again being pushed as fast as possible to take advantage of the present fine weather.

## SUPERINTENDENT STREET COMPLETES STREET WORK

I. G. Streit, superintendent in Grants Pass for the Warren Construction company, left on Monday for Portland, not to return again to this city, having completed all improvements here.

Mr. Streit, during the few months he was in Grants Pass proved himself to be a most efficient manager and one with a fine understanding of the science of modern street building, and he can claim many social and business friends here. From Grants Pass he went to Portland for only a brief stay, when he will go to Dayton, Wash., for his company.

December 1, Mr. Streit will journey to Birmingham, Ala. his old home, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, and enjoy the Christmas season in that good old way so dear to a Southerner's heart. It is possible that he will enter business in the industrial city of Birmingham.

## FORM COMPANY TO BUILD SAMPLER

WOULD OPEN UP MANY PROMISING QUARTZ PROSPECTS.

## PLANT WOULD COST \$10,000

Montana Man States He Will Erect Plant If Local Capital Joins.

A. J. McCorkle, with a mining experience in Montana, Colorado and other inter-mountain states for the past 40 years, is here from Libby, Mont., and after looking over several districts in Josephine county, has decided that an ore sampling works for the mines and prospects of the county is a necessity if the mineral fields of this region are to be opened.

Mr. McCorkle is accompanied by two sons, Frank G., and Charles S. McCorkle. To The Courier today the Montana man said:

"If the mining men and business men of Grants Pass and others in the county will join me, a modern sampling works can be erected here at an early day, which will prove one of the best investments the county could consider. The cost would be small. I estimate that \$10,000 cash can put the plant running and shipping high grade ore and concentrate to the smelters. I can finance such a plant alone, but that is not what I want; I want the people to make it a mutual affair, then everybody is interested. They will give moral support to a home company, and it will prove a popular and profitable business here.

"There is no argument pro and con regarding the great work a simple sampler will do for Josephine county, at least there is no argument to be advanced against it. In brief, it is this way: If a sampler was running in Grants Pass the many worthy prospects now idle could be opened and continue work. The owners could bring in to the sampler only a few dollars worth of ore and get the cash for it. They could continue this until they had their property advanced to the stage where it could be called a mine, and rightly so.

"There are many tons of ore, in the aggregate, on dumps in this county that only wait somebody to buy it. The sampler would buy all these small batches of ore and ship in carload lots. The sampler would also, of course, purchase ore in large quantities, and the result of it would be that this county, with many ledges of ore, could move to the front as one of the most prosperous mining regions in the west.

"Then again, the small mine owner having this opportunity to develop his property would later be able to put on a concentrating plant, and the sampler could take every ton of concentrate he turned out.

"I shall put the matter before the Grants Pass Commercial club."

Free power for one year has been promised by the electric company for new enterprises, and it is possible that a site may be donated if the matter goes to success.

The Courier will on Sunday present a comprehensive article on the value of a sampler to Josephine county and to the city.

Mrs. Mary Love, of Crescent City, and Mrs. Martha Ingram, of Grants Pass, who have been visiting with a sister in Washington for the past month, have returned to this city, and after a few days spent here, Mrs. Love will return to her home on the coast.

Miles McIntyre returned Monday evening from Portland where he purchased a Maxwell runabout and made the trip home by the auto. He reports considerable mud on the road but on the whole the trip was a pleasant one. Mr. McIntyre left Roseburg at 6:30 Monday morning and arrived here at 6:30 in the evening of the same day.

## SOCIALISTS ADVOCATE MUNICIPAL REFORMS

Propose a pure water system for Grants Pass.

Propose public accounting of all municipal expenses.

Propose to break up illicit liquor selling in Grants Pass.

Propose a reform in the municipal government generally.

At a public meeting in the opera house last night, the socialist party of Grants Pass, in an informal way, outlined its program of what it expects to accomplish in city affairs, provided the party is successful in the municipal election in December.

C. W. Hunton acted for his party and addressed the assemblage. In part he said:

"There have been mistakes made in the government of the city. If the socialist party wins at the poles we can correct those mistakes. The tax rate is high, and small benefit is being derived from the taxation. Economy is the watchword of the hour. We see, according to our ideals, that the city is being mismanaged. We do not insinuate graft or theft on the part of any city official; but there is a 'nigger' in the woodpile. The fault probably lies in the lack of study of modern economic questions. When the candidates at the last election were put in office they organized themselves into a governing class. The socialists would conduct a government of the people, by the people and for the people. We saw a need for a change in Grants Pass.

"As to reforms the socialists expect to bring about here, if elected, we do not expect to start the co-operative commonwealth now. You won't wake up and find Bellamy's principles in operation. What we intend is a strict honest and business-like administration, and eliminate all suspicion of graft. We would audit the city books to date and publish a report in future from time to time.

"We are not in this campaign as socialists, but as a reform ticket. We have something more than 100 members, who meet every Saturday night in Woodmen hall, and at any time anyone has any humane proposition bring it to us, and we will gladly consider it, for we have an open platform.

"We are suffering in Grants Pass. We are participating in murder in an indirect way. I refer to the water for domestic use. We have been supplied with water—well I hardly know how to describe it—it is poison. A great reform is needed in this regard.

## The Liquor Question.

"By your law this city is dry. No man can sell a drop of liquor here without violating that law. If you do not believe it is sold here in violation of law, take a look at drunken men, reeling on the streets. You will see them if you are not blind. We propose to go after these liquor law violators.

"The socialists will stand behind no particular class. The pompous citizen will get the same justice as Mike and Pat. If our marshal does not do his duty, his resignation will be asked, and he will be out and that quickly. When we elect an officer or official we always have his resignation in written form, undated, before he goes into office. The recall is good—but our way even beats the recall.

"The socialists here have been accused of having but little political acumen, from the fact that they are early in the campaign and are showing their hand to the other fellow. Our answer to this is, there is such a thing as clean politics. Truth has nothing to conceal.

"Those who oppose us here had better get busy for they have a big job on their hands.

"We invite all voters of the city who favor these reforms we have proposed to join us in the fight."

Tomorrow night at a public meeting in the courthouse, the socialist party will announce its platform and list of candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sudderth and Mrs. Laura Bishop came in from Selma Tuesday to spend the day shopping.