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## CITY RAISES R.R. LABORERS' WAGES

### EMPLOYEES ON MUNICIPAL ROAD GET INCREASE.

### MEN GET \$2.50; TEAMS \$5

### Council Makes Contract With Dr. Reddy for Building Line to Wilderville.

The city council made the laborers on the municipal railway a most substantial Xmas present last night when wages for men and teams all down the line were raised several notches. Men have been getting \$2.25 for a day's work, and a flat rate of \$4.25 had been made for men and teams, but under the new schedule men will now get \$2.50 per day, teams on the slip scraper \$4.75, and teams on the heavy work with wheel scrapers and plows, \$5 per day. These raises were granted by unanimous vote of the council, and with the approval of Dr. Reddy, who, in addressing the council said that the city was getting excellent service from the men working on the grade, and that they were entitled to better wages than they were getting. This increase of pay will add \$25 or \$30 to the present daily pay roll.

### M. J. Anderson Succeeds Everton.

The resignation of W. E. Everton as councilman from the 4th ward was read, and the election of his successor was immediately proceeded with. Councilman Morgan, representing the ward as Mr. Everton's colleague, nominated B. F. Kenyon to fill the vacancy, and Councilman Porter nominated M. J. Anderson, the latter receiving four votes to two for Mr. Kenyon. Mr. Anderson was declared elected.

Mr. Everton has been president of the council, and to succeed him in that position, Councilman Caldwell was the unanimous choice of his fellow members.

### Confer With N. Y. Attorney.

The city attorney was instructed to wire Attorney Masslich of New York and ascertain at once what his firm would charge to direct the proceedings in re-voting the \$200,000 bond issue. Mr. Masslich is familiar with local conditions, having been employed by Mr. Helm during the negotiations in the summer, and as his firm is one of the few whose opinion is accepted by bond buyers, it is desired to get them to direct the present proceedings.

The public utilities commission filed a report supporting the acceptance of the Dr. Reddy proposition regarding the cashing of \$20,000 in warrants to continue work on the road pending the new vote on the bonds, and also supporting the rescinding of the Helm contract. A new contract along the line of the Helm contract is now being drafted with Dr. Reddy as a principal, and as soon as it is prepared the council will meet to consider and ratify it. A meeting of the council is called for tonight at which time the contract will probably be ready for consideration.

Dr. Reddy suggested that the council authorize the issuance of the second block of warrants of \$10,000 that the cash be ready to prosecute the grading on a more extensive scale during the good weather of the fall. He thought that with these funds available the road bed could be finished to Wilderville and the bridges put in ready for the laying of rails by the time the bonds were again voted. The proposition was put up to the utilities commission.

### No Action on Engineer.

The mayor stated that he had dispensed with the services of Engineer Harmon, believing his employment to be unnecessary at the present time, but stated that the advice of the council and the commission would guide in the matter. The council took no action and there was no discussion on the subject.

Judge J. M. Chiles addressed the

## MURPHY GIRL WINS LADIES' RIDING CONTEST.

One of the interesting events of fair week was the ladies' riding contest under the direction of the fair management Thursday afternoon. There were a large number of contestants, Murphy being especially well represented as many young ladies from that district were here with their saddle horses to appear as the escort for the Murphy float that was a feature of the morning parade.

The winners of the contest, with the prizes and donors, were as follows:

First—Miss Lucille Harter, Murphy; corduroy riding skirt presented by Golden Rule store.

Second—Miss Lizzie Lemon, Williams, saddle blanket presented by Grants Pass Hardware Co.

Third—Miss Winnie Osborne, Murphy, Indian blanket presented by Bishop Clothing Co.

Fourth—Miss Josie Osborn, Murphy, riding gloves presented by the Peerless Clothing Co.

Fifth—Miss Gertrude Almsworth, Murphy; riding bridle and whip presented by Jewell Hardware Co.

## IS GRANTS PASS MAN INVOLVED IN SCANDAL?

Charged with contributing to the delinquency of two young girls, in which their disappearance on the eve of a grand jury session, when they were to testify against J. B. Titus and Dave Boggs, Medford men, alleged to have deceived them to Ashland a month ago, is involved, A. G. Fuller, proprietor of a Grants Pass garage, was arrested Saturday. Fuller formerly ran a garage in this city. The two girls are Myrtle Hanscom, aged 15, stepdaughter of Mike Spanos, under death sentence for murder, and Beatrice Kavanaugh, aged 14. Fuller is held in the county jail and will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon.

The two girls in the case disappeared last Thursday, and it is alleged that Fuller took them for an automobile ride, and they failed to return. According to their parents they had no money when they left. The prosecuting attorney has trailed them as far as Cottage Grove, where they are known to have had \$30 for expenses. Where they got this is what the authorities would like to know, alleging that there are grounds for belief that grand jury witnesses have been tampered with. The girls will be brought back when located.

Titus and Boggs, held to the grand jury, are alleged to have taken the girls to Ashland and were about to quarter them in rooming house when arrested by the chief of police of that city. One of the girls was garbed in a dress belonging to the wife of one of the men, to give an appearance of age.

The case is alleged to have many interesting sidelights which will be brought out at the hearing.—Medford Mall-Tribune.

There is no A. G. Fuller in the garage business in Grants Pass or in any other business here so far as the Courier can discover, and evidently the Medford publication is trying to hand us a citizen against our will.

## TWO MINERS KILLED AT THE MAMMOTH MINE.

Redding, Cal., Sept. 26.—Barney Ossella and Charles Elmol, miners, were killed in an explosion today at the Mammoth mine, near Kennett.

Council regarding the cost of the street improvement in front of his property on Fourth street, maintaining that the estimated cost of the improvement which was the basis for the bond issue had been more than the actual cost of work, and that the property owners should be refunded the difference and not be asked to pay interest on money that was not used. It was explained that the cost of the improvement had not been fully computed as yet, but would be worth the return of Engineer Hobson to the city when an adjustment would be made.

## WINNERS ARE PICKED AT THE 3RD ANNUAL JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIR

### Draft Team Contest Won By L. W. Carson of Murphy; F. Knox 2nd

L. W. Carson's fine team of grays won the draft team contest held on I street, in connection with the county fair, Thursday forenoon, with Fred Knox's team a close second for the honors. The entries in this class were put through their paces in traveling on the road, in pulling loads and in general tractability while in the harness. The order of winning by the two teams in the fair proper, where the judges viewed the animals only in the arena and did not put them to tests, was just reversed, Knox getting first award and Carson second.

The judges completed the placing of the ribbons on the stock Wednesday night, the winners in the various classes being as follows:

Jack Whitsett's entries won all premiums in the thoroughbred class, except for stallion under three years of age, in which class Will York's horse won 2d prize.

The Leonard Orchard Co. won 1st in Percheron stallion under three years, and F. R. Steel won 1st on Percheron mare over three years.

In the grade classes, A. F. Knox won 1st on mare over three years of age; Herman Messenger 2nd, and Henry Haberman 3rd.

For colts under three, sired by registered stallions, Herman Messenger won 1st; F. N. Chapel 2nd, and A. A. Porter 3rd.

### Cattle.

The "grand champion bull" of the fair was the honor won by Sir Natalia Korndyke Alcarta, the Holstein entered by R. S. Dahlberg of Murphy, while to the Holstein cow owned by E. W. Inman, of Jump-Off-Joe, went the honors as grand champion cow of the fair.

In the Holstein class, A. F. Knox won 1st with bull over two years of age, and R. S. Dahlberg 1st with bull under two years. For heifers, E. W. Inman won 1st and F. R. Steel 2nd.

The Guernsey bull owned by the Leonard Orchard Co. won a first prize, and for grade cows W. A. Hood won 1st; L. A. Launer 2nd, and W. G. White 3rd. Mr. White also won 1st on grade heifer, and 1st on calf, W. A. Hood winning 2nd on calf.

### Swine.

In the Poland China exhibit, F. R. Steel won all the prizes except for sow over two years of age, and for the produce of one sow, these prizes being awarded to R. S. Dahlberg.

The Leonard Orchard Co. won all premiums for boars of the Berkshire breed, F. R. Steel winning 1st and 2nd on sows under two years of age.

A. F. Knox won all prizes on the O. I. C. swine, and J. H. Ahlf won the prize for grade sow and litter.

### Awards in Poultry Exhibit.

The poultry show brought out a classy line of birds, though in numbers not so great as at the regular winter shows, much of the poultry not now being in condition. The quality, however, shows an improvement over past shows.

The silver cup offered by the Southern Pacific railway for the best exhibit of poultry by a single exhibitor was won by D. J. Winters, who had a fine showing of white Wyandottes and of fawn and white and English penciled Indian Runner ducks. Other winners were as follows:

John Summers, 1st and 2nd on Barred Plymouth Rocks.

E. A. Lagergren, 1st on White Rocks.

D. J. Winter, 1st on White Wyandottes.

Wm. Steffen, 3rd, White Wyandottes.

J. A. Gooding, 2nd, Silver Wyandottes.

O. H. Bernard, 1st, S. C. R. I. Reds.

Beattie B. Blake, 1st, S. C. Brown eggs.

### Grade Holstein, Owned By L. A. Launer, 1st in Milk Cow Contest

A grade Holstein cow owned by L. A. Launer of Grants Pass carried off the first honors in the milk cow contest at the county fair, with a grade Durham owned by J. W. Gilmore of Murphy taking second place, the four cows in the contest being well bunched so far as total amount of butter fat produced in the two days is concerned.

The test, which was conducted under the direction of Mr. Bates, manager of the local creamery, included the performance of the cows for two days, or the four milkings of Wednesday and Thursday. The Launer cow gave a total of 48 1-2 pounds of milk in the two days, the test showing that it contained an average of 4.7 per cent of butter fat, ranging from 4.2 to as high as 5.4 per cent. The total butter-fat was 2.26 pounds.

The Gilmore cow, winner of second prize, gave a higher butter-fat test than the first prize winner, but did not produce the quantity, giving 36 pounds of milk with an average of 6.2 per cent of butter-fat. The 36 pounds of milk produced 2.18 pounds of butter-fat.

Both the prize winning cows had been giving milk since the first of the year, as had also the two Jerseys that were entered in the contest and which were but a few points behind the winners.

The winners received cash prizes of \$50 and \$30 respectively, as well as valuable merchandise prizes offered by the local merchants.

### FRUITDALE GRANGE WINS FIRST PRIZE

The display made by Fruitdale grange won the grand prize offered for Grange exhibits in the county fair, with Rogue River grange second and Murphy grange third.

Each of these three granges had exhibits that were complete fairs in themselves, there being in each magnificent displays of all the fruits, vegetables and other products of the Rogue valley. The central feature of the Fruitdale display was the Tokay grape, and the booth was trimmed with the vine laden with its fruit, while a great basket filled with the beautiful Flame Tokays occupied the center of the Fruitdale space, flanked by big squashes and pumpkins and every variety of vegetable and fruit found in the catalogue. The name of the grange was made from apples along the front of the exhibit.

Rogue River grange, whose members are farmers from the lower valley a few miles below Grants Pass, had constructed a Dutch windmill from Yellow Newtown and Spitzenberg apples as its central attraction, with loads of squash as big as barrels, of grain, and fruits both fresh and canned, in quantity.

Murphy grange had built a great American flag in the background of its display, the stripes being of red and white apples, with bunches of white grapes for the stars in a field of blue grapes. Its display of vegetables, fruits, etc., was also good.

### Leghorn.

T. P. Cramer, 2nd, S. C. Brown Leghorn.

E. E. Blanchard, 3rd, S. C. Brown Leghorn.

G. D. Wilcoxon, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, S. C. White Orpingtons.

N. E. Osborne, 1st, pair Bronze turkeys.

Loren Basler, 2nd, pair Bronze turkeys.

J. Galvin, 1st, trio Pekin ducks.

D. J. Winter, 2nd, trio, Indian Runner ducks.

Mrs. A. H. Carson, 2nd, dozen white eggs.

## A. W. BARTLETT RESIDENCE IS BURNED.

The residence of A. W. Bartlett, at Tenth and Savage streets, was destroyed by fire at about four o'clock this afternoon, the house and its contents being a total loss. The family was absent from the house at the time of the fire, and it is not known how the blaze was started, though being first seen in the roof, it is thought to have been from a defective flue.

## PRESIDENT SO. PACIFIC VISITS GRANTS PASS.

Wm. Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, with a party of other high officials of the company, paid a brief visit to Grants Pass Tuesday afternoon, arriving from the north by special train at 1:30 o'clock. Those accompanying Mr. Sproule were John M. Scott, general passenger agent; H. A. Henshaw, general freight agent; G. C. Morris, assistant superintendent, and C. L. Burekhafter, chief engineer.

While in the city the party inspected the company property, called upon a few of the business houses, and paid visits to the Rogue Valley creamery and the cannery established by the Josephine County Growers' association. Each of these institutions which had been established during the past few months elicited words of praise from the visitors, and Mr. Sproule instructed his subordinates to render every possible assistance to the industries in the matter of shipping facilities, etc. The special train bearing the party left for the south just ahead of passenger No. 15.

## DON SMITH KEEPS HIS NANNY GOAT.

Don Smith has a Nanny goat, but to keep her has caused him considerable trouble. The animal is quarrelsome in the S. P. Stock yard near the cannery and a few days ago some boys endeavored to capture it, but Mr. Smith came to the rescue. A Joker told Ralph Davis and Wm. Hefener of the S. P. freight department that the poor goat was one of the shipment made to Grants Pass a couple of weeks ago and that the animal was sick and had been abandoned. The boys took pity on the goat and went to its relief, taking a rope large enough to tie an elephant. Nanny was finally subdued and being led away to a good home when Mr. Smith discovered proceedings and claimed his pet. The boys supposed he was another claimant and was trying to deprive them of their prize, and trouble was at hand. It took the entire cannery force to convince Davis and Hefener that Smith had a prior claim, and hereafter they will doubt the statements of the Joker.

## SWEDISH STEAMER SINKS IN THE RIVER ELBE.

Hamburg, Sept. 24.—The liner Graf Waldersee early today collided with and sank the Swedish steamer Sorge in the river Elbe. The Sorge was a freight vessel of 739 tons and carried no passengers. Its crew was rescued. The Graf Waldersee was not seriously damaged. News of the accident was brought here by the captain of the Graf Waldersee.

## CHINESE TROOPS ROUTED WITH BIG LOSS OF LIFE.

Peking, Sept. 25.—Thirty thousand Chinese troops were routed with a tremendous loss of life by a big force of Mongolian tribesmen 145 miles northwest of here in a moonlight battle last night, according to dispatches received here today.

## CONDEMN CARNEGIE DONATION.

Jackson, Mo., Sept. 25.—Condemnation of the trustees of the Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., for accepting a million dollars endowment from Andrew Carnegie is voiced in resolutions adopted here today by the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The adoption of the resolutions were preceded by a spirited debate.

## OPENING OF THE PUBLIC MARKET

### DEMAND GREATER THAN SUPPLY ON THE FIRST DAY.

### VEGETABLES ARE NEEDED

### Farmers Urged to Bring in Produce As There is Little Danger of Over Supply.

The opening of the public market this morning was most auspicious from every angle of view. It has been proven that the market is a real need, and that the people, the consumers, are ready to give it the patronage necessary to make it a success. The amount of produce in the stalls for sale was a disappointment, and scores of market baskets were taken away unfilled because the vegetables and the fruits were not there to fill them. Only six of the fourteen stalls were occupied today, and a couple of these were late in being filled. The demand of the visitors seemed to be largely for vegetables, dressed chickens, eggs, etc., and these were cleaned up in a short time. The display of fruits for sale was good, and many purchases were made, but tons of vegetables could have been sold had they been in the market.

The producers who were present today with goods were F. E. Hall, who has a farm two miles below Rogue River, and who offered cantaloupes and watermelons; Will Scoville, with a nice line of fruits from Walnut Hill farm; M. H. Shinn with turnips, squash, tomatoes and other vegetables; Mrs. Woolfolk of Wilderville with fruits and vegetables; G. A. Hamilton of Fruitdale with peaches and other fruits; R. L. Newman, vegetables, and John Kinkle of Savage Creek with strawberries.

The prices on everything except the perishables were fixed by the market. Butter was quoted at 35 cents per pound, and the few pounds brought in were soon sold; eggs, as long as they lasted, which was only a few minutes, brought 30 cents; potatoes were quoted at \$1 and \$1.15 per hundred pounds, and while there were many inquiries for the tubers not one was offered in the market; chickens were quoted at 16 cents, hents at 13 and young ducks at 15 cents per pound.

There was a lively demand for any kind of green vegetables, and there is promise that the market will be well supplied with these Saturday. The market master also has the promise of a supply of dressed poultry, eggs, etc.

Under the rules of the market a charge of 20 cents per day is to be made for the rent of a booth, or where it is maintained by the week a charge of 75 cents will be made. The same charge will also be made for wagons that stand in the lot outside and sell direct from the wagon to the market customers.

## ROSEBURG ELKS TEMPLE DEDICATED OCT. 4TH.

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 25.—The magnificent new Elks theater, recently erected in this city by the B. P. O. E. at a cost of \$20,000, will be formally opened on Saturday, Oct. 4, with the big farce comedy success "Officer 666," which ran a year in New York and seven months in Chicago.

The local lodge of Elks is said to have paid \$1,000 flat for the night's performance.

## 800 KILLED WHEN POWDER MILL BLOWS UP.

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—More than 800 persons were killed by the explosion of a powder mill at Ordu, a seaport on the Black Sea last night, according to advices received here today.