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The following letter, though quite lengthy, is well worth reading, and contains considerable interesting information about an industry that might grow to considerable proportions in Douglas county. It explains itself.

G. P. Schlosser, Manager Roseburg Commercial Club, Roseburg, Oregon, Dear Sir:

Thanking you for your kind information of August 2, will say that I am a vineyard and wine expert from Germany, with 5 years experience in California. I traveled in 1907 more than six months to spy out the best lands suitable for foreign wine grape culture in the interests of an Alaskan millionaire. My trips were successful and more than satisfactory, but the financial crisis at the close of 1907 brought the enterprise to a standstill, and the establishment of the vineyards, wineries and grape juice plants, etc. had to be abandoned.

I am thoroughly convinced that the quality of suitable wine and table grapes to be cultivated especially on the high hills, protected gently southerly sloping lands bordering to the north bank of the Umpqua river between Glide and Winchester, or all about Cleveland would be enormously profitable and successful in a comparatively short time, that it could easily take the lead in all other fruit varieties and by expert treatment in the vineyards, time of harvesting and in winery and cellar, it would achieve a world wide fame. The suitable grape varieties known to me, to be grown on the Umpqua river would be far ahead of the California product for wine making. The European connoisseur and every one else with the sense of taste and one else with the sense of taste and fornia pure wines taste and smell more or less of vinegar, because at the maturing and harvesting time of the wine grape it is still very warm in most of the Californian dry wine grape districts, so that the mashed grapes or grape cider immediately starts to ferment in the open air, rapidly causing vinegar fungus, before putting into tanks, into which large quantities of mashed grapes cannot be sufficiently shut off from the air during the eight to fourteen days in fermentation. The fermentation of the grape cider, also the storing of the older wines in California is done mostly on the ground floor in cheaply constructed sheds instead of underground cellars of even temperature, like in Germany, where quality wines were produced that brought prices up to \$10,000 for 300 gallons. The buyers of these choice wines reside largely in New York, Boston, Chicago, also in Berlin, Bremen, Wien, London, Paris, etc.

During my five years stay in California I became thoroughly acquainted with the cultivation of wine and table grapes, wineries and cellars, and can make comparison with the world famous wine cellars, guarded by the most severe laws, on the Moselle, the Main, the Rhine, and in the Pfalz, where I was born, lived forty years, and gained my experience. I soon found the warm climate of California unfavorable during the wine harvesting, and the cause of the vinegar taste and smell, and the high per cent of alcohol. It occurred to me that more northern states, about the same latitude and elevation as the famous wine growing districts of Germany and France would be better adapted to grape culture.

I have studied thoroughly the U. S. weather reports from Oregon, Washington and Idaho during the last 4 years, and find that certain districts in the states, on account of elevation, water courses, quality of soil, slope, rainfall, temperature and sunny days, are without question better adapted to grape culture than in California with its too warm climate. Most of the south slopeland, especially on the North Fork of the Umpqua will rival the best grape districts in France and Germany.

This is an enormously profitable enterprise which can be taken and utilized without risk, and with comparatively little capital. I would like to organize a company in order to utilize the enormous profits that are so cheaply offered. Roseburg and Douglas county can be made famous and one of the wealthiest counties in the United States. Will be very glad to answer any questions asked by any interested person, and hopes to hear from you.

Your very truly,  
ALBERT ANGERMAYER,  
Vineyard Expert, Vineland, Clarkston, Washington.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Morton Hadley left for Coquille City Tuesday morning where he joined Evangelist Van Marter in the work of holding a series of services.

Mrs. Annie M. Long, of Cleveland, returned home this afternoon after spending several days in the city visiting at the home of her son, John T. Long, and daughter, Mrs. Carl Ohlman.

H. G. Jovaux, for the past few years of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in the city yesterday and is now employed by W. B. Hammitte, the undertaker. Mr. Jovaux has had much experience and is a registered embalmer.

Following the funeral of Mr. Voss, who died in California a few days ago, which will occur at Redlands, near Los Angeles, Mrs. Voss and daughter, accompanied by her brother-in-law, Mr. Brown, of this city, will return to Roseburg.

A beautiful box of Umpqua Valley basketed pears are on display in the lobby of the Douglas National Bank today. The pears are large and well colored and are the same as the product that is being shipped from Roseburg to the Eastern markets this season.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

John W. Kelly, editor of the Douglas Leader, leaves for Peel in a day or two where he will remain for some time enjoying a well earned vacation.

Burning grass, near the residence of District Attorney Geo. M. Brown, in West Roseburg, was responsible for the fire alarm shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The fire department responded promptly but upon arriving at the scene of the supposed conflagration found that the flames had been subdued. Little, if any damage, resulted. It is supposed that the grass caught fire from a lighted match or cigar stub carelessly thrown in the dooryard.

Edward F. Hart, T. J. Hart, Albert Hart, Emma Hart, partners in the National Engraving Company, of New York, have filed suit in the local justice court against H. W. Althaus and H. C. Althaus. The plaintiffs ask to recover the sum of \$62.29, alleged to be due for cuts furnished the defendant for advertising purposes. The plaintiffs are represented by Attorney B. E. Steele.

J. H. Marsters and George A. Crane are in the city today from Looking Glass. The former is attending to business matters and the latter is circulating petitions for Hon. B. F. Mulkey, of Jackson county and Dr. C. E. Wade, of Douglas county. Mr. Mulkey is seeking the nomination for congressman in this district and Dr. Wade aspires the nomination for county representative. Both of the above mentioned candidates are well known Republicans.

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