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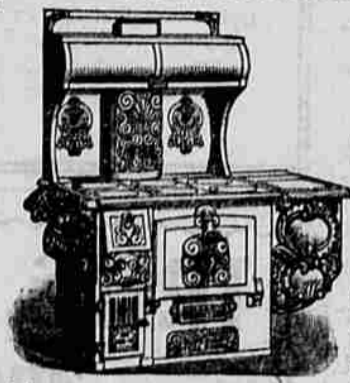
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JACKSONVILLE, Oregon, Feb. 21, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all outstanding county warrants protested from Nov. 1, 1899, to Nov. 30, 1899, both dates inclusive. Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

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The Oregonian of February 22d Printed a Three-Column Article Telling of Hon. J. H. Stewart's Successful Introduction of Horticulture in the Rogue River Valley.

In the Portland Oregonian of date, February 22d, there appeared a three-column article, written by a special correspondent, bearing in a general way upon the horticulture interests of Jackson County, but more particularly upon the success which Hon. J. H. Stewart, the parent to this industry, has made from a commercial point of view. We publish below excerpts from the article:

The most interesting man in Southern Oregon is Hon. J. H. Stewart, the Medford apple grower. He is essentially a man who does things, and he is furthermore, a man who has reasons for things. I venture to say that Mr. Stewart never did anything in his life without knowing why. It was no accident that he came to Southern Oregon fifteen years ago; it was no accident that he established himself just where he did; it was no accident that he prospered, and that in prospering he revolutionized the industry and the fortunes of the country around about Medford.

Mr. Stewart comes of the race of true-bred Americans, born in the early years of the last century, with enough Yankee in his blood to give mental energy and fixedness of purpose, and enough of the Scotch-Irish strain to yield imagination, fluency in expression, and the taste for public affairs. Mr. Stewart is at once a man of action and a man of talk; and he both acts and talks to some purpose. He has no affectation of reserve, no habit of hiding his light under a bushel. He is willing that his neighbors and all the world shall have any advantage which may come through his experiments and achievements. And now that he is past the age when it is reasonable to hope for any personal profit from new ventures, he is as busily employed in useful labors as if his daily bread depended upon his daily effort.

Mr. Stewart was past 50 years of age, and had done about one man's share of work, before coming to Oregon. He began business life in Illinois and Missouri way back in the '40s, grew millions upon millions of orchard trees as a professional nurseryman, planted many orchards, and incidentally served several terms in the Illinois Legislature, before the time came when he could cut loose and satisfy a lifetime's wish to visit the Coast. "I had seen enough," he said, in the course of talk, "to make it clear to me that the fruit business in the Mississippi Valley was about played out, for the development of the Coast was rapidly making, as it is has since made, it impossible for the interior states to compete in the general markets." Mr. Stewart's idea upon leaving home was to settle somewhere in the Puget Sound country, and it was to that part of the coast that he first turned. But the conditions for horticulture and especially apple-growing, did not wholly suit him, and he came south, carefully taking in every section of the country from the Columbia River down to Southern California. Several months were spent in visitation and investigation. No section was slighted, even the remote country of Klamath and Lake counties being visited. His final determination was that the Rogue River Valley, above every other section of the Coast, was adapted to the growing of apples on a large scale. And being thoroughly convinced, he

bought the land where afterwards his first orchard was planted—now the Voorheis place—and returned to his home in Quincy, Ill., for the winter and to close out his affairs. The winter was by no means an idle one, for, in addition to other labors, he grafted with his own hand the several varieties of nursery stock which he thought suited to his new situation; and in large part the Voorheis orchard today is the outcome of that winter's work at Quincy, Ill.

By 1890 it was demonstrated that a new spirit had entered into the Rogue River Valley. A country which had formerly been thought fit only for the rougher sorts of production—for pasture and for grain—suddenly came into prominence as the producer of apples and the like of which had not often been seen even in those parts of Oregon famous for their fruit products. It was soon found that the skill and energy of one man had given to Rogue River Valley a new character and a new impetus; that the special adaptation of the country had been found. But this did not wholly satisfy the people who had long been used to isolation, and who had not learned the significance of transportation. "We may," declared the doubting Thomases, "be able to grow apples by the ton, but what good will it do us? Who is there after the limited Portland demand shall be supplied to buy our product?" Mr. Stewart had not overlooked this point, and his answer came in the form of a season's crop shipped and sold at a great profit in the market of the Eastern States and Europe. He knew what no other man in the country suspected, namely, that such a product as that of the Medford district had the world for its market. It was upon the basis of knowledge of the demand which waited upon a strictly first-class apple, in connection with his faith in the soil and climate of the Rogue River Valley, that his first orchard was planted.

It was in 1885 that Mr. Stewart set about the work of making his first orchard. It was eight or ten years before the vision which inspired his efforts and buoyed him through the years of waiting stood plain in the view of everybody. Since that day of demonstration it is now less than ten years. These periods are short when considered in connection with the industrial revolution of the country. But they have been momentous in the highest degree for the Rogue River valley. They have established her name in the commercial world; they have witnessed the progress of tree-planting until all around Medford the country is coming to be one vast orchard; they have given the valley an industrial specialty which means so much for any country; they have brought new people and new capital into the valley, and have given it purpose, hopefulness and general impetus. And for all this the Rogue River valley is indebted to J. H. Stewart.

On every hand as one drives about Medford, there is manifest the influence of horticulture upon the welfare of the country. The various orchards now in bearing aggregate no less than 1000 acres, and the annual shipment runs up to about 200 carloads. In addition to this, there are large orchards at other points in the county and in the adjoining county of Josephine. Indeed, the largest single apple orchard in the country is at Central Point. There are, too, indications that the business is just begun. Within the year upwards of 1000 acres have been set out in apple and pear trees, and this planting, added to what has been set out during the past two seasons, makes some 2000 or more acres, which will in time be added to the productive area. The part taken by Portland men

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and Portland capital in these enterprises is interesting and significant. Some three years ago Mr. Gordon Voorheis, of Portland, connected with the Burrell family, bought from Mr. Stewart his original place, three miles south of Medford, and since that time has added greatly to it. His planting the present season will aggregate something like 225 acres. It is understood that Mr. Voorheis' venture has proven highly successful, so much so that in the brief period of his ownership his original investment has been fully regained. Another Portland investor in the Medford orchard district is E. J. DeHart, the well known hardware merchant, who has recently become the owner of a fine place of seventy-five acres, immediately south of town. Mr. De Hart has come with his family to the new purchase, and proposes to make his permanent home here. Another and very recent venturer in orchard property in the Medford district is Mr. Hunt Lewis, of the well known Portland family. His fine place of 160 acres joins M. Voorheis' place on the south. It is sometimes asserted that Portland is slow to take hold of the productive interests of the country, and in instances this may be true; but in the case of the apple industry the charge certainly will not lie. Indeed, if the movement shall keep up we may soon expect to hear that the capitalists of Portland are crowding the owners of the soil from out their own territory.

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