

GOLD HILL CLIMBS INTO FRONT SEAT ON THE BAND WAGON OF SOUTHERN OREGON BOOSTERS

THE CITY IS FORGING AHEAD

Boosters Provide Delightful Entertainment for Visitors Who Attended Fruitgrowers' Meet.

Right up in the front seat of the boosters' band wagon, the little city of Gold Hill climbed on Tuesday, and if other cities of Southern Oregon do not watch out Gold Hill will grasp the lines and do the driving act. Boosters seem to thrive in that neighborhood, for certain it was that they came from all around and entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Prominent fruit growers from all sections of the Rogue River valley were on hand to attend the fruit-growers and boosters meeting, which the hustling little city has advertised thoroughly during the past few weeks. Among the subjects thrashed out were those of fruit pests, good roads, development and the art of making the city attractive to the newly arrived investors from the east. The visitors were handsomely treated by the residents of Gold Hill and the affair proved to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held in this section of the state.

Many Visitors Present.

The visitors were from all parts of the valley. The various towns were represented, but the fact that lent the most encouragement to the Gold Hill boosters was the fact that the country about that city was almost depopulated owing to the influx into the city. The Gold Hill band furnished the music for the occasion and greeted the arrivals at the trains aside from entertaining the audience that completely packed the opera house to hear the various speakers.

J. L. Hammersley, president of the Gold Hill Commercial Club, welcomed the visitors in a neat little speech in which he informed them that he had sent all of the city's police force out into the country so that all might do whatsoever they pleased. He spoke of the appreciation of every Gold Hill resident at the sacrifice the visitors had made in each leaving their business for a day in order to lend their aid to Gold Hill, in an endeavor to better the conditions there.

The big mass meeting of the afternoon was heralded by a short meeting held in the morning in the opera house where the plan for the afternoon was outlined. The crowd then adjourned to the banquet room of the Oddfellows Hall where the ladies of Gold Hill had prepared a big free lunch for the visitors. And the way the crowd went after those sandwiches and large cups of steaming coffee was ample proof that the ladies certainly know how to appease the inner man.

Many Speakers.

It was at 1:30 o'clock that the meeting proper began. Every chair was occupied. Mr. Hammersley opened the meeting and introduced the various speakers. Each was listened to and greeted with much applause as the points touching upon the resources of Gold Hill were mentioned. Among those speaking were professor O'Gara, of the department of agriculture, County Judge Neil, President J. E. Watt of the Rogue River Horticultural Society, Charles Meserve, editor of the Rogue River Fruit Grower, J. A. Perry, Secretary Kelsey of the Gold Hill Commercial Club and Fruit Inspector Taylor. All of the men made telling speeches, which were well received.

The meeting closed late in the afternoon and was named the most successful of the many of a like nature that have been held in the valley.

Ella Gaunyaw, public stenographer, room 4, Palm building.

Fresh fish and crabs at the Rex Grocery. 28

O'GARA TELLS OF THE PEAR BLIGHT

Informing the Gold Hill Fruitgrowers of the Round of Life of the Pear Blight Germ.

Fruit pests in the Rogue River valley was the topic chosen by Professor J. J. O'Gara on Tuesday at the meeting of the fruitgrowers in Gold Hill. Professor O'Gara spoke at some length and his facts were presented in a striking and convincing manner. He dealt principally with pear blight although he touched upon peach blight and apple anthracnose.

Professor O'Gara opened his address with the statement that all orchard pests are a man's best friends, for they make him take an interest in his orchard. He went on to state that unless a thing cost trouble it was of but little value. Starting with the earliest records the professor sketched the history of pear blight down to the present day. The first mention that is found of it is in the records of the Massachusetts society for the promotion of agriculture in 1792. However it was not until the 90's of the last century that the entire round of the life of the pear blight germ was delineated. It was Professor Wait who made the greatest strides in successfully fighting it.

First in Blossom.

It is in the springtime that the first intimation of blight is to be found. A germ is deposited by some insect in the blossom on the tree and from there it works down into the tree until it reaches the bark where it often necessitates the cutting away of the entire tree. Sometimes through the winter it is dormant only to renew its activity with the reswelling of the buds as the tree begins to take in sap. Very few cases hold over however from one year to the next.

"There is very little danger in the Rogue River valley from pear blight," stated the professor, because of the dry summers in this section. The absence of humidity is another splendid aid. The Rogue River orchardists need only to exhibit a reasonable amount of work in preventing its start and they are safe."

Professor O'Gara's address was full of facts that will prove of value to the orchardist of that section. He remarked upon the splendid land in that part of the valley for the cultivation of peaches and then told how to deal with the peach blight.

GIRL TAKES POISON TO "SCARE" HER LOVER; DIES

UKIAH, Cal., April 21.—Miss Hene Howard, a local high school girl, committed suicide this evening by taking a large quantity of carbolic acid.

Miss Howard started out riding and on passing a drug store stopped and purchased the acid. Then, driving up before a crowd of bystanders, she swallowed the contents of the bottle. After taking the poison she said that she did not want to die, but to tell a young gentleman friend of hers whom she was in love with that she had taken it to scare him.

POET VANISHES, LEAVING ODD MESSAGE IN WILL

LONDON, April 21.—There is no tract of John Davidson, the poet, who has been missing from his home at Penzance since March 23, and his family has given up all hope of seeing him alive. A search of the poet's papers has revealed a document in which he wrote:

"The time has come to make an end. I cannot put up with cancer." In a will executed last August Mr. Davidson intimated the possibility of his having to die at any moment, "for reasons which concern myself alone."

Canned soups—Van Camp's, Snyders, Red Ribbon, Armour's, at the Rex Grocery Co. 28

JUDGE NEIL HAS NEW ROAD PLANS

Would Let Roadbuilding to Contractors and Place Them Under Bond to Do Work Properly.

One of the most interesting addresses made at the fruitgrowers' by J. R. Neil, judge of Jackson county, who spoke on road matters. He stated that he was a firm advocate of good roads and that he was doing all in his power to give the residents of the county the roads that they were clamoring for. He also stated that he believed that within a year Jackson county would have many miles of good roads and that he knew that this would be the case if it was within his power to give it.

The judge spoke of a new system which he believed would result in a great saving for the country and one that would insure good roads. That is to let road building out by contract as other building work in the county is let. Advertise for the building of a certain stretch of road according to specifications and plans which would be prepared by the county surveyor and then place the successful bidder under bond to build the road according to the specifications. In this way when a wagon road was constructed it would be done in a proper manner.

Would Employ Patrols.

In order to keep the roads in their highest state of efficiency the Judge stated that he favored the employment of men who lived along the road to watch them in the winter time, much in the nature of a patrol along railroads. This would be but a trifling expense compared with the rebuilding of the different roads every spring when a little work during the heavy rains would save them.

Judge Neil also outlined the road work that is being carried on by the county at the present time. A road is being built out of the Big Butte district to let the settlers in that section get into the valley by an easy grade to do their trading. Another is being built up Rogue River at an expense of \$3000 to \$4000 in order to get an easy grade out towards Fort Klamath.

Judge Neil's remarks were greeted with a great deal of applause by his hearers. He outlined the views he held in regard to the construction of roads and stated that it would ever be his endeavor to do what he could to aid all the rural sections of the county, showing that he understood the significance of good roads.

MARINE FREAK CAUGHT OFF CATALINA ISLAND

AVALON, April 21.—A fish nine inches long with a beard under its mouth not unlike that of a goat, blue eyes and a face similar to that of a sheephead fish, was caught here today by a seaman. He placed it in the aquarium, where it was studied by several local experts. So far, however, nobody has been able to classify this strange denizen of the deep. The species is iridescent.

"CLASSMATES" DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

The American play, "Classmates," presented at the Medford opera house Tuesday evening, was a rare treat for local theatre goers. Norman Hackett in the role as Duncan Irving of North Carolina, a cadet, showed much ability. Henry Fearing as Bert Stafford was also deserving of mention.

The stage setting in the third act was a representation of South America in the jungles near the headwaters of the Amazon river. The light signs used in this act was a reproduction of the heliograph, used as a means for signaling aid.

As a whole the acting was fine and was deserving of the hearty applause tendered during the evening.

SAND-CLAY ROADS FOR GOLD HILL

Secretary Kelsey of Commercial Club Tells of New Way to Build Roads That Will Aid that Section.

Secretary Kelsey of the Gold Hill Commercial Club in a brief address on Tuesday before the fruitgrowers' meeting spoke of experiments carried on by the federal government in regard to road building. He spoke in particular of one method which would prove practical in the neighborhood of Gold Hill and that was of building what is known as sand-clay roads. He stated that in that section of the valley clay and sand were both found in abundance and a little study of the subject and the proper mixture of the two materials would result in a splendid roadway wherever used.

By the method mentioned sand and clay in the proper proportions are first puddled and then placed upon the road. This is dragged over by a split log and when hardened becomes a splendid roadway, greatly resembling macadam. Experts have pronounced it the equal of macadam in many sections.

Sand and clay are abundant in that section of Jackson county and get a combination of the two for road purposes has never been tried. The cost is only some \$200 a mile so that with this system the remote section of the county may be reached which would not be the case if more expensive roads were attempted.

After Mr. Kelsey had completed his remarks it was suggested that the Gold Hill Commercial Club build a mile of this road for experimental purposes in order to demonstrate that it was practical. This will be undertaken and carried out.

CALVACADE OF AUTOS FROM ASHLAND TO FAIR

If the plans of some of Ashland's enthusiastic motorists do not go amiss, a special calvacade of automobiles will leave Ashland the middle of June on an excursion through Oregon and Washington to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. The roads are at their best in June, the season most delightful for enjoying out of door life in this congenial clime and the projectors of the trip see in it an ideal way of doing the fair and also getting better acquainted with the summer topography of the two states. The distance is some 536 miles from Ashland to Seattle, which would be covered by easy automobile stages.

Among those who have already enlisted to take their machines on the trip are R. L. Burdie, E. V. Carter and Benton Bowers.

GREAT GOLD STRIKE IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NEVADA CITY, Cal., April 21.—News reached here today of a phenomenal strike made in the 16-to-1 mine near this city a few days ago. It is reported that miners working on the 250-foot level unearthed a ledge of almost pure gold and that since the find \$200,000 has been taken out.

According to word that has come to this city, there is every indication that the ledge is an exceptionally large one and will yield many thousands of dollars.

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There will be a meeting in Redmen's hall Saturday evening, April 24, for the purpose of completing organization and the election of officers. All painters and painting contractors are requested to be present, as the charter arises.

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