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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair today and tomorrow.

A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue River Valley.

Average mean temperature.....55 degrees
Average yearly precipitation.....21 inches

BUYING A LEMON.

There is no way to injure a country worse than by misrepresentation to intending investors. Honesty is always the best policy and falsehoods never prospered a community.

It is evident that some concerns are taking advantage of the publicity campaign that Medford has made, and the resultant trend of investors toward orchard lands to misrepresent conditions, and to offer to do fabulous things for the investor, locating them in many instances on land of little value for fruit culture and promising impossible returns.

A circular issued by the "Inter-State Trust Company, Rogue River Fruit Land Co. Agents," of 814 3rd avenue, Seattle, Wash., attracts attention on account of the promises made, which are alluring enough to read, but will be rather difficult of fulfillment. The circular says:

"We sell you the land with water rights on payments of \$2 an acre a month. You never have to pay more than one-quarter of the purchase price. We take the other three-quarters and the interest on deferred payments off the trees and vines we raise for you.

"Planted with English walnuts, pecans, lemons, grapes, cherries or pears, cared for seven years from date of planting, \$600 an acre. All on the above plan of \$2 down and \$2 an acre a month, you paying in only one-fourth of the purchase price. Did you ever hear of a fairer or better offer than this, now did you?"

No, it is admitted, we never read of an offer calculated to better attract the salaried man and persons of small means. But how are the promoters going to make good?

The Rogue River valley is very fertile and will grow nearly anything. Perhaps pecans will grow—certainly nobody has proved it impossible—despite the fact that the pecan in its native land is a product of swampy land instead of dry hills. But lemons! A lemon tree will grow and one has even borne fruit, but as a commercial proposition, which will pay three-quarters of the cost of purchase planting and operation, a lemon grove here is an absurdity. However, whoever bought such an orchard would certainly get a lemon.

There is no need nor call for misrepresentation here. The truth is ample to captivate the fancy and secure investments upon a legitimate basis. Such misstatements indicate either a deliberate attempt at deception or a woe-full ignorance of conditions. In either case, a successful outcome is problematical.

Investors who buy by mail, on the strength of advertisements, cannot be too careful in examining the responsibility of the parties from whom purchases are contemplated, and also the title to and condition of the land purchased, or they buy a lemon also.

CANT BAR BABIES FROM FLATS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, June 7.—The Illinois legislature passed a bill last week providing that no lease for a flat-house or apartment can contain a clause barring children. The babies can now cry until the cows come home and the parents can now tell the landlord to go "to go." Governor Deneen says he will sign the bill. Representative McNichols, who stood for the "kids," has a bunch of

own and several years ago he was chased successively out of several flats.

The Legislature has also passed the bill providing that women and children shall not be required to work more than ten hours in twenty four. This was advocated by organized labor, being aimed at the sweat shops chiefly. It is regarded as a great step forward in the fight, to be renewed at the next legislative session, for the original eight hour proposition, based on the Oregon law, which has been held by the United States Supreme court to be constitutional.

TELLS OF GOLD HILL'S RESOURCES

Writer in Gold Hill News Writes Interesting Account of Undeveloped Resources of That Section.

(By E. W. Copper, Gold Hill, News)

For the past three years I have carefully noted the great progress of the people in Southern Oregon. Coming direct from the East and landing in Gold Hill, in February 1906, and not being posted at all in the fruit industry which had seized the people long before that time of course I did not know what to think of that phase of Southern Oregon's many resources of commerce. But since that time land has gone up! up! up! doubled and quadrupled, especially in this case around Medford where the most hoisting is being done. I have not noted carefully the coal project which is being prosecuted vigorously in the Roxy Ann district. Being a mining engineer myself, and having spent my life until three years ago in the coal fields of West Virginia and Kentucky, and having made first survey of the Kentucky side of Tug

river, together with complete reports of the mining conditions as well as geological conditions of that particular district, which report was acted upon by the Vulcan Coal & Coke company of Vulcan, West Virginia, who have splendid plants on the property and having organized the Black Berry Kentucky and West Virginia Coal & Coke company, who own considerable property near Mateman, W. Va., on both sides of the Tug river, managing the surveys reports on 3600 acres which is now being successfully operated, and having been engaged as engineer in several other plants in the great bituminous coal country near Pocahontas, Va., of course would naturally watch with interest the development of the coal industry of Jackson county. I have not personally examined the Medford (or Roxy Ann) prospects, but sent a friend of mine to examine the same

and bring samples of the coal and report geological surrounding these properties. My reasons for doing this was to compare the many reports with the actual facts, and secondly note the actual character of the coal, third to become acquainted with the general strike and dip of the vein. From the general conditions there is hardly any doubt but what these properties will develop into paying institutions.

It will possibly be of some interest to the reading public to note another fact relative to the prospective future of Southern Oregon's coal interests. On a small creek a mile and a half from Sams Valler there is a splendid vein of bituminous coal which out crops regularly for a distance of three-fourths of a mile, which is six to eight feet in thickness, having all the necessary requisites for a paying mine. Sand rock and slate roof to top, and slate and fire clay bottom, the dip vein is perfectly regular, the indications for a lasting mine as well as a paying one far outstrip anything in my judgment in Jackson county. This will place

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QUEEN ANNE ADDITION

The choicest residence property in Medford for sale at the lowest prices and upon reasonable terms.

This beautiful residence section will come into the city within a few weeks and will have all the advantages of city water, electric lights, etc. It has a fine rich soil, capable of producing the finest gardens and shrubbery and has such ample drainage that the householder may have a basement in his home without cement. It is beautifully situated on the first low hills on the east side of the city, connecting with Roosevelt avenue and only eight minutes' walk from the postoffice. Its natural advantages as a residence section insure its popularity as such. These lots will double in value within a year, and now is the time to make an investment. Persons desiring to inspect this property will find an automobile at their disposition at the exhibit building. For further particulars, see.

Joe Brown or Mose Barkdull

Exclusive Sale Agents

Lest You Forget

Remember how often you felt sore about that hard cash spent on goods which were found wanting. Nothing was wrong with the money you paid, yet how about the value you got?

That's the point. If you invariably give the same good money, are you not always entitled to an exchange of corresponding quality?

We know that all concerns will readily give you extravagant assurances regarding this point, but you know what they mean.

With us, it's different. Instead of words we give you facts.

In variety our stock is beyond competition—this insures you against substitutes.

Our figures show the largest trade—this means integrity.

Once a customer, always a customer—this means satisfaction.

Don't take our word for it—come in and see.

Rex Grocery Co.

IF YOU are thinking of investing in the Rogue River valley—if you want an orchard or orchard lands—Go to the man who has lived 35 years in the valley, who has grown fruit for 20 years, who has bought fruit from practically every bearing orchard in the valley and who has shipped hundreds of cars of fruit to the markets of the world during the past few years. **REFERENCE—All the large orchardists in the valley since nearly all of them have located through me.** **JOHN D. OLWELL, Exhibit Bldg, Medford.**