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### TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair today and Sunday; cooler.

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

### SALES OF ORCHARD PROPERTY.

Four large sales of orchard property made in Medford this week, that of the Snowy Butte or Hopkins orchard at Central Point for \$150,000, the young Stewart orchard near Jacksonville for \$85,000, the Morse orchard near Phoenix for \$80,000, and the Meyers orchard near Central Point, a young grove of 20 acres, for \$20,000, shows that Rogue River valley orchards are attracting the attention they merit from investors.

The prices paid, ranging from \$500 to \$1000 an acre for planted orchard, is very reasonable when the earning capacity of the groves are considered. In no other fruit section can such orchards be secured at anywhere near the price. These orchards have earned over \$1000 an acre and such property is worth several times the prices paid, and will sell for it before long.

To the granger who for years has farmed the land, such prices seem incredible, but such do not realize the possibilities of fruit culture, which are grasped at once by the business man familiar with conditions in the orchard sections of the world—who comprehend what few natives have—that the Rogue River valley is ideally fitted by nature to become the world's greatest fruit section.

On the Snowy Butte orchard are 16 1/2 acres of Winter Nellis pears, which netted \$9000 one year and \$19,000 the next year, f. o. b. cars at the grove. This yield may be exceeded at any time from the same trees, for the world is short of this type of staple pears, and the dealers are keen to get it all over the eastern states, where the very scarcity of pears in the world's markets apparently is whetting the appetite of the people for a good article.

The Meyers orchard contains two acres of old orchard and 18 of trees just coming into bearing, and the two acres afford many instances of the capacity of the Newtown and Spitzenberg varieties of apple on the right kind of land to yield phenomenal crops in this valley. This mixed orchard, many summer varieties included, yielded no less than \$2500 one season, single trees of the Newtowns producing no less than \$52 worth of fancy fruit, besides a few dollars' worth of nice "culls," sold in local markets.

Comice pears from the Morse orchard sold for \$8.40 a box at auction in New York City in October, 1907, and will sell as high again, for this region is the only producer of Comice pears in commercial quantities.

With 50,000 acres of planted orchard tributary to Medford, with from 10,000 to 15,000 additional acres being planted each year, the future of the valley from a fruit producing standpoint alone seems without limitation—and the valley's development has hardly yet begun.

## STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN THE CONTEST

Remember, you can take the trip any time you choose, and that all subscriptions carry votes.

Miss Hazel Tice.....Medford	31,920
Miss Eva Patterson.....Medford	16,603
Miss Lee Williams.....Central Point	4,233
Miss Hazel Messenger.....Central Point, R. F. D. 2	515
Miss Lucile Humphrey.....Central Point	3,639
Miss Donna Bell.....Brownboro	3,852
Miss Anna Spicer.....Jacksonville	1,390
Miss Cordelia Reuter.....Jacksonville	1,407
Miss Martha Price.....Blithe	4,40
Miss Winne Jones.....Gold Hill	511
Miss Martina Thiel.....Gold Hill	716
Miss May Mitchell.....Grants Pass	500
Miss Pearl Hollenbeck.....Prospect	505
Miss Mabel Parsons.....Ashland	2,520
Miss Donna Bell.....Brownboro	2 243

CONTEST CLOSES JULY 17, 1909.

## HAS ONLY PRAISE FOR ROGUE VALLEY

Stockholder in Westerlund Orchards Spending Several Days in the Rogue River Valley.

A. G. Willen, one of the principal stockholders in the Westerlund orchards near this city, has been in the valley since Wednesday looking over the property held by the company in which he is interested, as well as other properties in the valley. Mr. Willen's home is in Chicago and on this trip he has visited all of the principal fruit growing regions of the west, including those of Colorado, and after thoroughly looking over each section stated in a most positive manner that the Rogue River valley is the garden spot of them all. Mr. Willen expects to leave for Washington soon. He is accompanied by his wife and while in this city has been the guest of J. A. Westerlund.

"This is undoubtedly the foremost fruit growing section of the country," said Mr. Willen this morning. "I do not say that because I am interested here, but because it is a self-evident truth, as any one will see after a visit to other fruit growing sections. Of course, I believed in this valley when I invested, but I had not seen it at that time. Now, having seen it, I consider myself very fortunate in having an investment in the valley."

## IRRIGATION SYSTEM NEARING COMPLETION

Grants Pass Co-operative Irrigation System Is Nearer Ready for the Water.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 26.—Work on the irrigation system here, into a part of which water will soon be turned, is progressing rapidly. It is generally agreed that the amount of work done with money expended is remarkable. This is owing to the willingness of the people to give financial assistance and to the untiring work and energy of the men who have had the work in charge.

For some time it has been an accepted fact that irrigation with water taken from Rogue river, which here flows through the Rogue River valley proper, would be of great value to crops and orchards during the dry months of July and August, but it is only within the past few months that the matter has been seriously taken into consideration by men who do things.

Last summer, the latter part of which was unusually dry, brought to these men the realization that prompt action was necessary if this section was to reach the greatest prosperity. During the month of October last a meeting of the property owners was called, at which it was voted to take the project up at once.

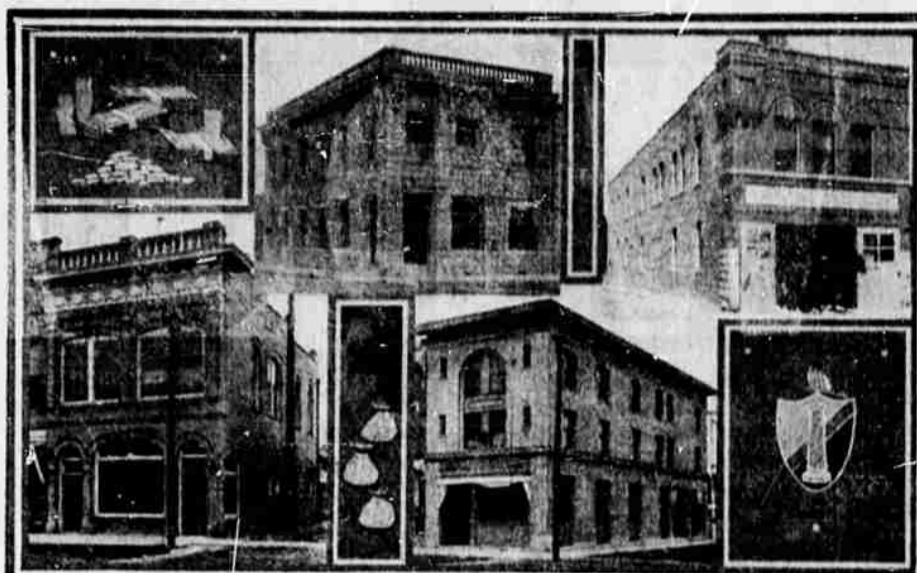
A little later, upon the completion of the preliminary work of an engineer, the irrigation company was formed and sufficient stock subscribed within a few days to carry on the work for the season. A week following the first ground was broken and since then the ditch has been creeping around so rapidly that it is difficult for even the townspeople to realize all that has been done.

### Citizens Own System.

It speaks well for the people of Grants Pass and vicinity that such a system of irrigation is to be completed and owned entirely by themselves. The life and energy exhibited in the efforts in this deal were evidently of a contagious nature, as there has been the spirit of push here ever since. The people have subscribed liberally in advertising the advantages of Josephine county; the professional knocker, with which all sections are infested at some time in their history, has mostly gone over to the other side, and if he wilfully refuses to be converted, like the bat is ashamed to appear in the light, and is heard only as the grumbling of the distant storm.

Table d'hote dinner at the Nash grill Sunday evening. Special music.

## LOCAL BANKING HOUSES SHOW GREAT GROWTH



MEDFORD BANKING HOUSES. Medford boasts of three banks which reflect to great degree prosperous condition of the city.

Bank statements called for by the comptroller of the currency at the close of business June 23 shows the prosperous condition of Medford banks. All of the three institutions show increased growth of business and reflect the prosperity of the city and country.

The growth since December, 1905, shows a growth of deposits of nearly \$1,000,000. To be exact, it is \$882,502. The increase during this year over 1908 is over \$238,500.

Each of the banks are conducted along safe lines and were heartily praised by the state examiner on a recent inspection, as were the other

banks of the county. What shows the heart of the business stronger than anything else is the daily clearing house transactions which sometimes reach as high as \$100,000 a day, the average being over \$30,000 a day. The total deposits in Medford banks now total \$1,199,842.

## SPOKANE'S FIGHT MAY COME TO NAUGHT

Seems That Her Contest to Secure Advantages of Freight Rates Will Fail.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The aggressive contest for years that Spokane and other cities and towns of the far west have been making, in an effort to secure the advantages of freight rates on the basis of water competition which Seattle, Portland and other coast cities have been enjoying is destined to prove a failure. They may secure a reduction in rates on shipments from the east, but the decision will be based wholly upon

the reasonableness of the rates, and nothing more.

This announcement was made by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty, during the recent hearing on the Spokane rate case. In advising counsel for the Chamber of Commerce of Spokane to prepare testimony to be submitted at hearings to be given during the early fall by several of the commissioners, Prouty directed him not to be misled by the rates granted Seattle and other cities, for, he explained, the commission and the courts had already determined that water competition gave an advantage to a city located on a navigable stream or on the ocean.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland have joined with Seattle to maintain the advantages arising from their location. Although the so-called water rates cannot have but a bearing upon the question of rates from the east to Pacific coast cities not located on the ocean the combination

of cities against Spokane, coupled with their advantage in having the Hill and Harriman interests with them, may prove so formidable that Spokane will lose certain benefits which she was about to pluck.

The trunk line of the east are watching this readjustment of intermountain rates, for the cities and towns of the "Inland Empire" are insisting that they be given the same recognition in rates to Chicago and St. Paul as are granted the ocean cities.

### Marriage Licenses.

Thomas Hardy and Lucy H. Carson; Franklin W. Maple and Eva B. Pillsbury; George F. Lindley and Lauretta May Martin; Ernest N. Biden and Elva Wiley; Oswald R. Meissner and Maple Paul.

Guaranteed to do just what we say it will. Come and see them in the leather case—the Coloris bottles. Hodson Auto Co.

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## MODOC ORCHARD

(1300 acres lying on both sides of Rogue River.)

Offer for sale small tracts of irrigated land, with perpetual water rights, at reasonable prices and upon easy terms.

These lands consist of rich river bottom loam and are suitable in the highest degree for the culture of Winter pears, Winter apples and all fruits for which Rogue River Valley is famous. Also for the production of Alfalfa, Garden Stuff, Root Crops and Grasses.

Inquiries relating to the resources of Rogue River Valley or of Western Oregon will be answered cheerfully and comprehensively.

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