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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Clear today and tomorrow. Warmer.

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

THE TELEGRAM'S DISCOVERY.

Portland's tall tower of journalism is beginning to wake up. Only the other day the Oregonian discovered the three-year-old thousand-dollar challenge of the Medford Commercial club, and now the Portland Telegram has unearthed the startling fact that pears are grown in the Rogue River valley. If this alarming rate of progress keeps on, both papers will soon be aware of the fact that there is such a section as southern Oregon and such a city as Medford. Says the Telegram:

"Oregon people have never tired of singing the praises of the Hood River country, and commenting with pride upon the excellence of the Hood River apple. The good people of that section have well deserved all this praise; for by their painstaking industry and honesty they have given the state an enviable reputation which is more than national. Oregon has become known as the state of the big red apple—the biggest, reddest, the fairest to look upon, and the best-flavored apple that is grown anywhere. It is well, however, to take note in passing that Oregon is acquiring fame for the production of other fruit than apples.

"In yesterday's Telegram there appeared a story sent in from the Rogue River country that is worth any man's reading who entertains pride in the bountifulness and excellence of Oregon products. The story pertains to the splendid pear crop of that locality; and it is one of that sort which makes the mouth water in the reading. To say that 137,500 boxes of this luscious fruit will be put on the market by the Rogue River orchardists, and that most of this fruit will go east and abroad, and will command fancy prices, is to repeat the oft-told Hood River story as applicable to another section of the state. It indicates but a newly written chapter in Oregon's development, and the opportunity for the writing of other and innumerable chapters.

"As the years pass there is stronger confirmation of the prophecy, long since made, that Oregon will be the greatest fruit producing state in the Union—and this, not only as to the quantity, but as to the quality of the fruit. In the production of deciduous fruits we have vastly better climatic conditions than California. The fruit-raising area is almost without limit; and the excellence of the fruit itself brings a price that is the envy of all other fruit-growing sections. There is a good hint in all this for the thrifty man who commands a little capital."

In the almost hopeless effort to enlighten both the Telegram and the Oregonian, both of which are strangely dense when it comes to learning anything about southern Oregon, the following facts about Rogue River valley are again printed:

Rogue River valley contains twenty times the available orchard area and four times the planted orchard area of Hood River. This year with but a fraction of the planted area in bearing, the fruit output of the Rogue River valley will approximate 865 cars as against 130 cars for Hood River.

Rogue River valley apples are in the same class with those of Hood River. The red Spitzenberg here cannot be told, either in color, flavor or keeping qualities, from the Hood River product. The Rogue River Newtown Pippin is superior to the Hood River Newtown, because far more prolific.

Rogue River valley produces three-quarters of the pears grown in Oregon and its pears have long held the

world's record for high prices for green fruit. This is not, as the Telegram asserts, "a newly written chapter in Oregon's development." Medford pears are acknowledged to be superior in flavor and keeping qualities to any grown, and for years have commanded record prices in eastern markets.

The Oregonian estimates the Medford apple crop at 400 cars, the Medford pear crop at 300 cars, the Hood River apple crop at 125 cars, and the Hood River pear crop at six cars. These figures alone tell the story of the two districts so plainly that he who runs may read.

SEND FRUIT TO FAIR.

Growers of fancy fruit are requested to send a half box exhibit to the Seattle exposition. The Commercial club committee has arranged to transport the fruit free of expense to the grower, who is given the privilege of advertising his orchard and the valley.

It is unnecessary to detail the advantages accruing to the state and locality by creditable exhibits of products before countless thousands of easterners. As the leading fruit growing section of Oregon, the Rogue River valley cannot afford not to be adequately represented.

If each orchard that takes a pride in its pack and output would reserve a few boxes of its choicest fruit for exhibit purposes, a great deal will have been done to advance the interests of the valley. Surely there is patriotism enough among fruitmen to do this.

Leave the fruit with the secretary of the Commercial club.

GRANTS PASS WANTS REAL PAVEMENT

Committee Changed Its Mind Regarding Macadam After Visiting Medford.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 19.—Some time since the property owners in the business portion of the city held a meeting to consider street improvement, and as a result came to the conclusion that they wanted macadam, and appointed a committee to confer with the council in the matter. At the last meeting of the council R. L. Coe, for the committee, reported to that effect and the council instructed the city engineer to survey the streets and estimate the cost of macadam.

Since that meeting J. D. Fry made a visit to Roseburg, Marshfield and Coos Bay, and while in these cities had an opportunity to investigate hard surface paving. Prior to this visit he had been in favor of macadam, but came back entirely changed in his views and was most heartily in favor of the other kind of pavement. He went among the property owners and stated the result of his observations and investigations and also worked with the committee, with the result that last Saturday J. D. Fry, H. L. Gilkey, Lee Calvert, Claus Schmidt, J. M. Ahlf, R. L. Coe, Harry Andrews and City Engineer Hobson went to Medford to inspect the paving in that city and to confer with the contractor who is putting in the bitulithic there. They came back much more enthused with the idea that the macadam was not the proper thing to put in and Monday evening a meeting was held of the committee to talk the matter over.

The committee as a whole are in favor of bitulithic and their plan now is to pave three blocks on either side of the railroad and Front street where the business houses are, and F street to the rear of the First National bank and the rear of Kinney & Traux store. This would bring the pavement up and down Sixth street as far north as the Western hotel and south as far as I street and would take in all the railroad property.

We have some 10-acre tracts, one mile south of town, set to 2-year-old Bartlett and d'Anjou pears; splendid building site; select neighborhood. We can give you easy terms. We will take pleasure in showing you these tracts. Price \$350 per acre. Benson

Do you like crawfish? The Nash Grill serves them. Fresh shipments daily from the famous Quelle cafe at Portland.

TAKILMA SMELTER TO START AT ONCE

Starting of the Takilma Smelter Will Furnish Employment to Four Hundred Men.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 19.—Mining activities in Josephine county are still increasing and good mining men predict that within the next few months the mines of this locality will open the eyes of the people of the United States and that the production of copper and gold will be the talk of mining circles everywhere.

It is now definitely settled that the Takilma smelter will blow in a very short time, and in fact men are now working on the works getting them in shape, and teams are being engaged. The smelter will smelt the copper ore of the Waldo mine, which is situated only a short distance from the smelter. This mine now has 75 men working getting out the ore, and it is estimated that there is \$150,000 worth of ore on the dump. It is the intention that within 30 days there will be 400 men working on the property and in the smelter, and that there will be 100 teams employed in hauling the coke to the smelter and the matte to this city.

Another impetus to mining was the appearance of C. W. Thompson in Grants Pass last week with the announcement of the starting up of the old Greenback mine. Mr. Thompson was formerly manager of this mine when it was paying the best. There has been in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 taken out of this mine, and it has paid over \$400,000 in dividends. The parties that last operated it closed it down because they found no ore on the 1200 foot level, but Mr. Thompson thinks that they have missed the old Greenback ledge and his familiarity with the property and the fact that he is starting it up again, bears this opinion out. He says that he will have 15 stamps dropping by the first of September and that this number will be doubled in a short time afterwards.

A deal was also consummated last week whereby the Old Channel mine was sold to a new company. This mine has been worked for the past few years by J. R. Harvey, one of the stockholders, who had the property leased. This has been one of the best paying placer properties in the county and has run each season and has always paid. It is understood that most of the stockholders of the new company live in Chicago and that they will put more capital into the proposition and work it on a larger scale than heretofore.

Orchestra music during dinner each evening at the Nash Grill.

Town Booming Helps

IV.—Rah! Rah! Rah!

Two Americans meeting in Europe, one of them said, "I am from Jones' Siding."

"And I," said the other, throwing out his chest, "am from Chicago." "Seems to me I've heard of that place. About how far is it from Jones' Siding?"

The Jones' Siding spirit is the kind that helps a town. This man considered his own home THE FINEST PLACE IN THE WORLD. If there are many more there like him Jones' Siding will some day be crowding other places off the map.

He was the kind of man who spends his money at home, who patronizes home industries, talks up his



home town and helps to build it up. HE WAS A DESIRABLE CITIZEN.

The mail order houses couldn't do business with him unless they were located in his own town, for he knows that, as far as he was concerned, Jones' Siding was the center of the earth.

Think it over and see if we can't work up some of that Jones' Siding spirit right here!

LET US GET TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS BOOM.

Every letter that is posted here should be an advertisement for the town, even the love letters, for we want the right kind of people to come here and settle.

Let us advertise ourselves, our home industries and our good prospects IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

HENEY WON OUT BY 124 VOTES

Fickert Loses Out, but Wins From Republican and Union Labor in the City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—The final count of votes in the city's first direct primary shows that Francis J. Heney won the democratic nomination over Charles M. Fickert, by 124 votes, while Fickert captured the republican nomination from Heney by a three-fourths majority and the Union labor from Heney by four-fifths.

Phone your want ads to the Tribune for quick results.

Bargains in Real Estate

A few investments that will make money for you

40 acres fine fruit land near railroad station, \$80 per acre, 1/2 cash, easy terms on balance at 5 per cent interest.

100 acres of the best orchard land in the valley, ONE MILE FROM RAILROAD STATION, \$50 per acre, ONE-FOURTH cash, easy terms on balance at 6 per cent interest.

10 acres of choice orchard land close to railroad station, \$100 DOWN AND \$10 A MONTH BUYS THIS. You will regret it if you neglect to secure this ten acres on the above terms.

4 large city lots in West Medford joining Kenwood addition, \$200 ea. The owner of the above properties purchased them four years ago before the advance in prices and will sell at a very moderate profit.

Considering quality of land and location, these are among the cheapest buys in the market today.

J. C. BROWN

Office in Palm Block, Upstairs

Medford, Oregon

LIST OF NEW COUNTY TEACHERS

Miss Alberta Stacey of Beagle Passed the Highest General Average.

Following is list of the successful applicants for teachers' certificates at the semi-annual examinations held at Jacksonville, Or., August 11-13:

For first grade—Alberta Stacey, Beagle; Jessie Ashby, Ashland; Julia Sidley, Lake Creek; Thornton S. Wiley, Ashland; Gay Webb, Medford; Lucy G. Bahtell, Ashland; Mary B. Underwood, Ashland; Mary May Ward, Talent; Viola Phiester, Woodville; Mrs. Katie Weaver, Medford.

For second grade—Lillian Thornderson, Eagle Point; Anne S. Hansen, Medford; Grace Hullinger, Medford; Viral Hensley, Ashland; Mrs. L. M. Shipe, Ashland; Bertha M. Ditsworth, Derby; Peter J. Kingery, Medford; Sarah Elizabeth Wright, Portland; Lottie Sweet, Medford.

For third grade—Neil C. Palmer, Ashland; Nettie Marie Abbott, Ashland; Maude Peachey, Ashland; Edith Isabel Kaler, Ashland; Helen Sidley, Lake Creek; Faye Burchell, Woodville; Edith R. Fredenburg, Butte Falls; Bernice Reulah Carder, Medford; Bertha Anna Bryan, Wenden; Mayken Gibson, Marguerite Holmes, Doris Olivia Migness, Talent.

For primary—Mary E. Bigham, Eagle Point.

Miss Alberta Stacey of Beagle, Or., was given the highest average of any applicant taking the examination, having earned an average of 95.2 per cent. Miss Viola Phiester of Woodville stood second with an average of 93.2 per cent. The highest average for a third grade certificate was earned by Miss Nell C. Palmer of Ashland, who received 90.7 per cent.

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