JOSEPHINE COUNTY HAS BIG YIELDS

Rogue River District Closing Up Year of Prosperous Harvests.

Grants Pass and Josephine County are certainly enjoying great prosperity this year and re on the eve of betthe Portland Telegram of C. G. Contier, the pioneer newspaper of the far- and marketed in this city.

famed fruit valley.

enjoying a run of good luck, as it 10,000 feet of lumber each. put down \$40,000 of bitulithic pave- trip. ment in our business center and as 20,000 acres of fine land; for a long the tonnage to insure both these time we had been lookin forward to propositions interest foreign capital in the project, but failed to find it, so we undertook to do it ourselve

Organize Local company

composed of 150 farmers, busaness, necessary capital to do the work. On the fouth of July, last, we had the satisfaction of opening our first on a five mile contour to the city and on the way supplied about 40 fruitgrowers and small farmers with water for this season, which has made irrigation an object lesson of ditch was on the north side of the Rogue River and at the same time we did the work on a ditch on the opposite side of the river which will cover when completed, several thousand . We have now under construction a large canal which will bring water to the big orchards below the town on the north side. There will be about 600 acres under this ditch. The noted Elmer Shank orchard will be supplied with water from this ditch. This orehard will yield this season, it is conservatively estimated 16 earloads of Newtown Pippin and Spitzenberg apples, and they will be of a quality which will be top on the market anywhere they may be sent.

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"Along with the activity in fruit growing and general farming, we are this year actively engaged in mining. Fully a thousand men are hus employed, nearly half of the district are in the Galice mining district. There aer in that district a dozen mines undergoing development; the Almeda, which belongs to the Portland people. has completed more than a mile of underground working and has just completed a 100-ton smelter. There is a body of ore blocked out which amounts to millions of dollars in value, and only awaits a railroad 15

miles in length to set the mine at work on a large scale.

"There are half a dozen mines in this same camp which are undergoing extensive development work, and in the near future re likely to become heavy producers. There are also mines in the Illinois valley which are very active this season, and from these we have good reports. In other sections of the county there are a number of good mining properties, some of which are producing this

Lumber Active

"Lumber interests are very active this senson. With the close of Septer things, according to the report in tember we have completed the hauling 000 feet of sugar pine and fir lumber. ant, editor of the Rogue River Cour- all of which has been manufactured Spaulding Bros. have just put on the The outlook in our particular part road a lumber train composed of a of the Rogue River Valley," said the traction engine weighing over 17 tons veteran editor today, "is highly this and there are attached to it four season. Our city and country are steel cars or trucks, which will carry were. We have just undertaken to train hauls 40,000 of lumber every

What we need now and must have muche more will be strted as soon as' within a year or two, is two railroads, this work is completed. Last winter one from Grants Pass over and down we undertook to carry through an ir- the Illinois valley, and another down rigation project which covered nearly to the Rogne River valley. We have

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