

SHOULD PLANT GRAPES HERE

An Interesting Letter from A. H. Carson, Oregonian's Story of Peter Britt.

Following is a very interesting letter from A. H. Carson, a member of the State Board of Horticulture, and one of the most expert fruit and horticulture raisers in southern Oregon.

Murphy, Or., Sept. 27th, 1907.

"Editor Jacksonville Post,

"Jacksonville, Or.

"Dear Sir:

"I noted the correction you made wherein the Sherman Realty Co. of Grants Pass named me as the 'Father of the Grape Industry of the Rogue River Valley.' There is no question in my mind but what the late Peter Britt of Jacksonville deserves that distinction, and I for one, would not for a moment wish to take that honor from such a grand, old pioneer horticulturist as I knew Peter Britt to have been.

"Perhaps had the Sherman Realty Co. said I was the 'Father of Commercial Grape Growing in the Rogue River Valley' it would have come nearer stating the facts as they are, as I think I was the first one that put the Rogue river grapes on the market in attractive packages and pushed their merits in competition with California grown grapes in the Portland markets, that to-day they sell for more money per crate than the California grape.

"I am in hopes Jacksonville will awaken to the possibilities of grape growing on commercial lines, as the foot hills adjoining Jacksonville I know to be especially adapted to the growing of the choicest Tokays and Malaga grapes. Jackson and Rich gulches have already given up their great wealth. The pioneers of Jacksonville enjoyed the same. Their descendants can if they will create greater wealth—more lasting wealth, by planting their foot hills to Tokay and Malaga grapes. Market demands will always be greater than their ability to produce.

"A. H. CARSON,

"Murphy, Or., R. F. D. No. 1."

The question as to who is father of the grape industry in Rogue River valley has been raised as the outcome of a banquet recently given by a real estate firm at Grants Pass in honor of A. H. Carson, a grapegrower of that section of the valley, who is credited with being the originator of the grape industry in Southern Oregon. It is an unearned an unfair honor to credit Mr. Carson or any other present vineyardists of Jackson or Josephine county with being the father of the Rogue river valley grape industry. The true facts are herewith given:

To the late Peter Britt of Jacksonville belongs the honor of introducing tame grapes into Rogue river valley, and of having the first commercial vineyard. This vineyard consists of 15 acres and is one of several in this vicinity that have demonstrated that Rogue river valley can produce a grape and a wine equal to the best of the famous grape districts of Europe. Mr. Britt was reared in the grape district of Switzerland, and having traveled in France, he thoroughly understood the growing of grapes and the making of wine. He arrived in Jacksonville in the fall of 1852, being one of the pioneers of this old mining town, and noted the vigor of the wild grapevines about here, and he determined to give tame grapes a trial. He got his first vines

from California in 1854 or 1855. These were the Old Mission grapes, and they grew so well that he later got in other varieties and for the 50 years to the time of his death in October, 1905, Mr. Britt carried on the work of demonstrating what were the best grapes for this soil and climate, and in that period he grew over 200 varieties of American and European grapes.

Vines were had from Mr. Britt for every vineyard in Rogue river valley, including Mr. Carson's, that were planted prior to the last ten years.

The Britt grapes and the Britt wine were famous while yet Mr. Carson was a struggling lawyer in Arkansas, and the fine quality of both were known to all pioneers of the Pacific coast who had occasion to pass through Jacksonville on the stage line in early days or the railroad in recent time.

Mr. Britt was a lover of nature as well as a scientific horticulturist, and the park about his residence in this place has been for years one of the leading attractions of Southern Oregon. —Jacksonville correspondence to the Morning Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kenney.

Though fools spurn Hymen's gentle power,

We, who improve his golden hours,

By sweet experience know,

That marriage, right understood,

Gives to the tender and the good

A paradise below.

—Cotton.

Telegrams were received last Friday evening by T. J. Kenney and family and John Lyden, signed by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kenney, in which it was stated that Chris J. Kenney and Anna Lyden were married in Detroit, Mich., at 4 o'clock, Wednesday, September 25.

Both young people are well and favorably known in Jacksonville, and each has a host of friends who are congratulating them on their choice of a life partner.

Probably in all southern Oregon there is not another young man as steady in his habits nor with the same business ability as has Chris J. Kenney. For years he has been the excellent book-keeper in T. J. Kenney's store, and has mastered all the workings of his father's large business. His friends are everywhere. It has been said of him that he has not an enemy or an untrue friend.

Miss Lyden is a young lady of sterling worth and character and her friends are without number.

The Post is among those who extends its hearty good wishes to the happy pair.

The Peter Boschey residence on Third street is being remodeled and fitted up for Mr. and Mrs. Kenney, who are expected to arrive home within a few days.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Equalization of the County of Jackson, State of Oregon will, on the third Monday in October, to-wit, October 21st, 1907, attended, at the Court-house in said county, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Peter Applegate, assessor of Jackson County, Oregon.

See Dunford & Overholt about that 8-room, two-story frame house. Fine well—best in town—stone cellar, out-buildings, lot 100x100 feet. Ideal location, small fruits and berries in cultivation. Price \$1300.

See Us About that 28-acre ranch. \$150 per acre. Between Jacksonville and Central Point. In fine fruit section. **Dunford & Overholt** Good fence.

The Criterion Saloon



Dunnington & Deneff
.. Proprietors ..

Jacksonville,

Oregon

... Jacksonville ... Commercial Club

Information gladly furnished about the City and County. We have a large number of interesting propositions to present to capitalists. We have something of importance to say to homeseekers. Investigate Jacksonville. It has the greatest future of any city in Southern Oregon. Ask us about the mines, the fruit, the agriculture, the climate.

Wealthiest City of its size on the Pacific Coast. Many business opportunities if investigated at once.

.... Address

The Jacksonville Commercial Club

T. J. Kenney
President

C. L. Reames
Secretary

THE RECEPTION

LUY & KEEGAN, Props.

SOLE AGENTS ALBANY BEER