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SOUTHERN OREGON In 1883

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It is because of superior fruit that we refer to Rogue river valley as the Italy of Oregon. It is a well known fact that the finest flavored grapes of California are produced on the sunny slopes of the foothills, and the conditions there found exist in the foothill region of Jackson county. The vines produce large clusters, and the grapes have a most excellent flavor, being very juicy and making a superior quality of wine. The conditions of soil and climate are also very favorable to peaches, the fruit being superior in flavor, though a trifle smaller in size, to the California product. The slight touch of frost in winter, though too mild to injure the vines and trees, gives a flavor to the fruit that is lacking in that of the warmer regions of California. The bottom lands are especially adapted to fruit culture, and it is that class of soil that has been utilized the most by fruit growers. In addition to grapes and peaches, apricots, pears, plums, apples, cherries and the small fruits produce luxuriantly, and are of excellent quality, especially the apples, which have no superior anywhere. Hitherto the foothills have been used chiefly as a grazing ground for sheep, but that the flocks will seek "pastures new" and the land be planted extensively in vineyards and orchards is certain. On the whole the fruit interest of Rogue river valley consists more in the possibilities of the future than in what has already been accomplished.

It is a great pity that the farmers of this region have not prepared themselves for the market now being opened by planting extensive orchards, but it is by no means too late, though the golden harvest must be delayed. The men who set out at once large orchards and vineyards and get them into bearing condition, will be the first to reap their reward. The market is large, growing and permanent.

Farms and ranches of all kinds may be purchased in Jackson county at prices which are extremely moderate when the advantages are considered. Good improved farming land can be bought from twenty to fifty dollars per acre, though a few choice places would command a higher price. Other lands, not so well improved but just as fertile, and in some cases more desirable for fruit and grape culture, can be had as low as five per acre. These prices depend upon the amount of improvements, location, character of soil, water facilities, etc. Two farms, two miles apart and containing a total of 400 acres, were recently sold for \$8,000, or \$20 per acre. Another of 300 acres brought \$7,000, or \$23 per acre. These are choice places, wholly arable land, with good buildings and modern farm improvements.

Cadet Examination

December 12 & 13.

Applicants for appointment as cadets to the United States Military Academy at West Point may take the preliminary test at convenient places in Jackson county on December 12 and 13 if applications for questions are made to County School Superintendent G. W. Ager, Jacksonville, on or before December 6.

The examinations offered will cover the subjects of algebra, geometry, English, and history both United States and general. In addition to these the applicant may select six remaining units from a long list. Detailed information regarding the scope of the examination etc. may be obtained from Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon.

Large electric lighted poultry products plant going in at E. J. Enbower.

Astoria—A \$7,000,000 naval base is recommended for the mouth of the Columbia and first appropriation will be for \$2,000,000. The mouth of the Columbia has been recognized at last.

Increasing Use of Oil.

Steel manufacturers are turning more and more to the use of oil.

France is urging that big concerns convert their boilers to burn oil in the place of coal. Large users of coal in Paris declared it would take months to adapt the boiler to the new fuel but it is stated a group of American engineers guaranteed to make the complete change in six weeks.

As the advantages of oil as fuel becomes recognized its use is being rapidly extended.

Consumption is exceeding production in the U. S. This situation emphasizes the necessity of national and state policies which will encourage development of new oil fields and the opening of thousands of acres now withdrawn from use in western states, by the government.

Pendleton—43 pieces of new construction, ranging from houses costing \$3,000 to flour mill and Elk's temple to exceed 100,000 in cost, in process of construction here.

Pendleton—\$200,000 apartment house here contemplated.

TAX ON MEDICINES.

Will We Never Do Away With These Small But Irritating Taxes?

Collector of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, calls attention to the fact that cough drops, vaseline, tooth powders and pastes, and proprietary medicines sold by grocery stores and general stores, as well as by drug stores, are subject to tax at the rate of one cent for each 25 cents thereof of the price for which sold.

This tax is to be collected from the purchaser and is payable by means of proprietary stamps which are to be attached to the article and dated and cancelled by the dealer.

A 1 cent stamp is required on each 5 cent package of cough drops, and on each bottle of vaseline, tooth powder, and all proprietary and patent medicines and toilet preparations selling up to 25¢. Articles selling from 26 cents to 50 cents take two cents; from 51 cents to 75 cents, 3 cents and so on.

Where two or more of these articles are sold to one person they may be wrapped in one package and a stamp denoting the payment of tax upon the amount of the purchases may be attached to the package. Thus, if a person buys five 5 cent packages of cough drops they may be wrapped in one package and a one cent stamp affixed to the package.

Stamps may be obtained from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Portland, and from many Post Offices throughout the State of Oregon.

Dealers who fail to stamp the goods will be held accountable for the tax and Collector Miller urges all dealers to inform themselves fully as to the requirements of the law.

Ten Years Ago.

From The Jacksonville Post of November 27, 1919.

This government has not fully accepted the explanation of Nicaragua touching the execution of Grace and Cannon in that country. Sufficient credence is given statements that have been made to the Department of State to prompt inquiries into the reason that moved President Zelaya to order the two Americans put to death.

John R. Allen of New York City, owner of the P. & E. railroad that is being extended over the Cascades to an eastern connection, and projector of a trolley line to traverse the Rogue River valley from Ashland to Grants Pass, has purchased the Snowy Butte orchard at Central Point for \$168,000.

A fruit growing firm in this valley has been awarded the title, "Apple King of the World."

There was a big red automobile through Buncom, enroute to Sterling last week. It was driven by Doc Reddy of Medford.—Buncom Reports.

Dr. J. M. Keene and J. K. Carlton of Medford, have purchased the noted Wrisley tract for \$50,000.

Gold Hill Property Changes Hands.

The Gold Hill Lumber & Railway company's holding on Sardine creek, seven miles north of Gold Hill, recently leased to the defunct Rogue River Lumber and Box company and owned by R. K. Hackett of Grants Pass and C. C. Presley of Salem have again changed hands.

The first National Bank of Southern Oregon of Grants Pass, which was holder of several liabilities against the property, including a foreclosure suit, has taken the whole property over from the owners.

Besides the sawmill and logging railway into the timber there is a large body of standing timber passing with the property. It is reported that as soon as the court proceedings are ended new owners will take the property over from the bank and operate it to full capacity the coming season.

The suit of 39 lien holders against the defunct company's personal attachment to the mill property is still pending in circuit court.—News.

The National Sweets Industry.

A Chicago paper recently stated that 90 per cent of all the sugar used in our country went for candy and soft drinks.

Reliable statistics from the Sugar

ARMY RETAIL STORE IS MENOZOZ HOMESTEAD TO REMAIN OPEN.

Rumors of Closing Officially Denied; All Surplus Materials to Be Sold to Public.

Portland, Nov. 26.—All rumors that the army retail store in this city is to close its doors were dispelled this morning when Major Frank P. Tingley, deputy zone supply officer, received the following official denial from the director of sales, Washington, D. C.:

"The director of sales announces that, with the single exception of the air service, no bureau of the war department having surplus war materials to dispose of contemplates any abatement of its efforts to market as expeditiously as possible its entire stock of surplus supplies. This statement is made in denial of rumors which have become current to the effect that the war department would suspend its sales activities until the spring."

"I hope this official word will set at rest some of the unfounded rumors floating about the city," said Major Frank P. Tingley. "This denial that sales of surplus material is to be stopped is official and final. There is no reason why the local store should be closed until all the surplus war material is sold."

Personal Integrity vs. Political Irresponsibility.

American banking methods are the most progressive and accommodating in the world consistent with good business principles.

One of the first points of safe banking is to distribute loans rather than concentrating them in a few hands.

Honesty, integrity and pride in conducting a safe banking house free from political and factional domination by outside influences are the guiding factors of private banking in America.

Facts and figures must govern banking, for the protection of every depositor. Political banking as advocated by the Non-Partisan league and similar socialistic organizations, does away with the personal element of integrity in banking, its most essential feature, and substitutes political irresponsibility which seeks more to please the favored few than to protect the interests of many.

The recent investigation of the little Scandinavian bank of Fargo, N. D., which disclosed liabilities of \$1,600,000 with \$750,000 owed by the Non-Partisan league activities alone, is an excellent illustration of political domination in banking. The Non-Partisan league, the controlling power in N. D., advocates state owned, (politically operated) industries, including banks.

Oregon Grape is Watched.

Oregon grape, the state flower beloved of child, patriot and poet, has been connected with carrying cereal rusts in some stages, and will be put under surveillance in the new barberry and Oregon grape gardens being established on the college grounds by the federal bureau of plant industry and the O. A. C. department of botany and plant pathology. The federal government has ordered all rust bearing barberries destroyed. The Oregon grape will be watched.

Medford broom factory has daily output of 125 dozen.

division of the Food Administration shows housewives use 70 per cent and industries 30 per cent.

Of this thirty percent only eight per cent has gone into candies. The 22 per cent goes to bakeries, canneries, soft drinks, cordials, ice cream, jams, jellies, soap, etc.

When the Food Administration tried to pile up a sugar surplus, it made no great headway until the housewife was reduced from unlimited supplies to two pounds per week.

This restriction increased the demand for candy, proving it to be a food substitute, especially when it is also made up from nuts, fruit, chocolate and milk products.

National prohibition has largely increased consumption of candy in the western states alone reaching \$100,000,000 this year.

The capital invested in the manufacture of candy in the states west of the Mississippi aggregates over \$25,000,000, persons employed, \$100,000, federal taxes paid, \$5,250,000, and local taxes \$5,000,000.

The demand for confectionary grows by leaps and bounds, as the use of alcoholic stimulants decreases.

ANOTHER STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF UPPER APPLE-GATE VALLEY.

Another Step in Development of Upper Apple-Gate Valley.

A deal was recently put through whereby the homestead of Frank Mengoz, in the upper Applegate country, became the property of W. A. Ewing.

It has been stated that Mr. Ewing is acting in behalf of a large company, but if so, nothing definite can be learned.

The deal is looked at in this city as a step forward in the development of Southern Oregon. It is expected that Mr. Ewing will install a sawmill on the property. It will be remembered that Mr. Ewing has spent considerable time in that country inspecting mines. He once made a survey of the Mengoz mines, expecting to use a dredge on them.

The present situation appears to many as the rejuvenation of industry in Southern Oregon.

Public School Bulletin.

Jacksonville, Oregon, Nov. 24, 1919, To Teachers & Principals, Jackson County, Oregon.

The Oregon Tuberculosis Association is again asking that the schools throughout the state assist in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. The work of the association is educational and so closely associated with the work many teachers are attempting to do, it would seem that teachers and pupils should be glad of the opportunity to aid in the important undertaking by selling a few seals. You will be interested to know that the work of this association meets with the approval of our State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It is estimated that each county in the state should purchase seals to the extent of five seals at 1¢ to each person. In arriving at the number to send into each community, the committee multiplied 5¢ or 1¢ seals by five times the number of children residing within the school district as shown by the Oct. 25, 1919 school census, a copy of which your clerk has undoubtedly provided for you. This would seem like a fair way to get the estimate of the number of seals which each community might be expected to purchase, and I am advised that each teacher or head of a school in the county will be supplied direct from headquarters in Portland with a quota of stamps estimated in such a way. Teachers will be requested to try to dispose of the number sent at 1¢ each, and to send the proceeds to the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, 1010 Seeling Building, on or before January 31, 1919, for the support of anti-tuberculosis work in the state.

It is understood that any unsold seals be returned and that teachers may reimburse themselves for any necessary expenses such as postage.

Should circumstances make it impossible for the seals to be sold in any community, teachers should feel perfectly free to return the seals to the association, as no teacher should feel obliged to keep all of them herself. On the other hand, should the teacher and pupils be able to dispose of any additional number of seals, they may obtain them from Mrs. D. Peruzzi, Chairman Red Cross Seal Sale for Jackson county, whose address is Ashland, Oregon.

In order that our records regarding time of closing schools may be complete and that unnecessary visits of the nurse, supervisor and supt. may not be made, your county school superintendent will greatly appreciate the courtesy if each teacher will write "Vacation — to —" upon the last monthly report sent to this office before the holidays.

Very sincerely yours,

G. W. Ager,

County School Supt.

Closed Shop Doomed.

Seattle, which has been one of the hot beds of radicalism, has had a remarkable change of public sentiment in the last 30 days.

Those in control of union labor went too far in their efforts to enforce the "closed shop" order.

The building Trades strike has been called off by carpenters and mechanics, with an admission of complete loss. They lose requested advance in wages; they go back to an open shop instead of an absolutely closed shop which they had when they struck, and they work half a day Saturday instead of taking the whole day as a holiday as they had been doing since early last spring.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Nov. 24.—North Bend citizens start campaign for \$1,250,000 county road bonds.

Eugene—Company formed to prospect for oil at Fir Butte, 5 miles west. Astoria to get new \$50,000 film theater.

Wasco, Jefferson, Des Chutes, Crook, Harney, Klamath and Lake counties form organization to build highways in Central Oregon.

Mollala grange favors county road bonds and condemns opposition of Master of State Grange in opposing good roads campaign.

Labor cannot inflict any injury upon the public that will not react against itself. The same is true of capital and of any other element. And how easy it is to lose sight of this immutable fact.

McMinnville—Milk condenser is now worth \$4.25 a hundred.

Portland to have entirely automatic phone system, displacing operators.

Pendleton grain industry and Baker Lumber industry suffer for cars.

Des Chutes Falls Power Co. headquarters in Reno, gets permit to do business in Oregon.

Klamath Falls—Corporation formed here to finance live stock industry.

Prairie Creek, Walla Walla county, has 10,000 acre irrigation project.

The almond industry to be promoted in Wasco County.

Irrigation projects at Gold Hill, Grants Pass and Talent under state guarantee bonding act are under constructive promotion.

Standard Oil Company building large distribution plant at Vale.

Klamath Falls—New \$30,000 three-story brick building nearing completion.

State highway commission awards contracts totaling \$699,336 for road construction in Eastern Oregon counties.

Salem—Ladd & Bush bank passes \$5,000,000 mark in deposits.

Eugene—\$100,000 available from eastern capitalists to build home here.

Seattle's Chamber of Commerce by referendum of its membership has come out uncompromisingly for the open shop. A "declaration on industrial situation" was adopted by the Board of Trustees and approved by more than 99 per cent of the membership of the Chamber voting in referendum. Immediate cause of adoption of this ringing declaration was radical methods of unions.

Salem to have two new modern apartment houses.

Portland—Two \$800 ton steel ships of North West Steel Co. and two others nearing completion at Columbia River Shipping Corp. purchased for \$6,000,000.

The \$600,000 Umatilla project is included in the draft of a proposed bill for a \$10,000,000 appropriation for speeding up work on existing reclamation projects.

Portland—Modern two-story packing plant.

Vale—Brogard-Cow Valley section of John Day highway contracted for \$81,154.

The gas strike lost out and the tailors will meet with the same fate as carpenters and this applies to other strikes now under way in Seattle and Tacoma.

Seattle Civic and Industrial organizations are backing the stand of the Associated Industries of America which provides for employers dealing with employees and hiring and firing of men, subject only to employers understanding with his own men and not the local union or walking delegate.

Seldom is such a change seen in public sentiment in so short a time. Radical agitators can be thanked for opening the public's eyes to the danger threatening.

Oregon Students Win.

Five Oregon and one California mar, students of agricultural at O. A. C., comprise the stock judging team that won the Pacific International contest at Portland last week. Competition with students of the University of Idaho and Washington State college was keen but the O. A. C. team won by a good margin.