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COUNTY APPLE ORCHARDS.

Three 10-Acre Tracts Will Be Planted In Clackamas

Three commercial apple orchards will be planted in Clackamas County on ten acre tracts this fall and the first one will be set out within 10 days on Judge T. F. Ryan's place in the Rinearson claim adjoining Gladstone. James H. Reid, fruit Commissioner of the first district, was in the city Monday afternoon and made public his plans. He is working in co-operation with the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis and Prof. Lewis of that institution will, with the help of Mr. Reid, direct the work. The college was at first disposed to place only one commercial orchard in Clackamas County, but Mr. Reid wanted to try three of them and finally induced the College staff to fall in with his ideas.

The other two orchards will be planted at Molalla and Garfield or in the vicinity of these places but the ground has not yet been secured and Commissioner Reid and Judge Ryan are looking for suitable locations. They want a ten acre tract near Molalla and near the main road, the other ten acre tract near Garfield or George. The land should have a slight western slope, but this is not essential.

All three of the tracts will be planted in places that have a commercial value. Several varieties will be tried and the State will furnish the trees, superintending the planting and will also superintend the spraying and pruning for eight years after which time the orchards will be turned over to the owners of the ground. All cultivating must be done under the direction of Prof. Lewis and Mr. Reid. The owners of the tracts will be allowed to plant crops between the trees for three or four years but such crops must be recommended by either Prof. Lewis or Mr. Reid. Correspondence from owners of land in the vicinity of Molalla, Garfield or George is invited, relative to the matter, and all inquiries should be addressed to Judge Ryan at Oregon City. Replies must be in his hands within 15 or 20 days as the orchards will be planted this fall, if possible. It is likely that the Judge will be deluged with applications for the opportunity of the prospective growers which saves him the cost of trees and gives him an education along horticultural lines is not offered every day. Mr. Reid has great faith in Clackamas County as an apple country and he has always claimed that this county can produce just as good apples as the Hood River Valley section.

J. W. Graele, of Milwaukie, has some very fine Spitzenburg apples in cold storage that he intends to exhibit at the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society, which will be held in Portland, January 8th. Mark Levy, of Milwaukie, has some choice Lady apples to place on exhibition at the same time. Clackamas County expects to be awarded two of the cups that are offered as prizes for apple exhibits and is reasonably certain of securing one of these cups. Mr. Reid says that any Clackamas County grower who has apples suitable for exhibition, to express them to Mark Levy, care of James H. Reid, Portland, Oregon, and they will be taken care of.

Dancing Club Organized.

The Willamette Club was organized Monday evening with about 50 members, which will probably be increased to 80 before the end of the season. This club has been formed for the purpose of giving a series of four dancing parties, to be held during the later part of November, December, January and February. John P. Keating was elected president of the club and other officers and committees were chosen.

NET \$3000 IN ONE YEAR

Clarke Bros., of Mulino, Make Practical Demonstration of Good Farming.

Farming along intelligent lines shows what can be done in Clackamas County, and Clarke Bros., who have a place near Mulino consisting of 90 acres of good farm land, report a net profit of \$3,000 for one year's crops. This is the first year that Clarke Bros. have been on the place. They have 26 acres of prunes and have recently constructed one of the finest and best prune dryers in the state, having a capacity of ten tons. They have 13 acres in hops from which they realized 40 bales this year. Mr. Clarke was in town Saturday and says that crops are better from this place than have been produced in previous years. He is well pleased with the results of the year's work.

J. A. Byers, of Clackamas Station, has three boxes of fine apples of the Northern Spy variety in the show window of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. The apples are labeled "Give Clackamas a Chance," and the fruit certainly cannot be excelled. Mr. Byers is a well known farmer and takes great pride in his apple orchard. He is producing fruit there that will bear comparison with apples produced elsewhere in this country.

LINN WANTS TREBLE DAMAGES.

Complains That H. Bigelow Cut Down Trees on Land of Plaintiff.

Treble damages is asked by B. F. Linn, a sawmill operator of this county, in the suit filed through Attorneys U'Ron & Schuebel against H. Bigelow. Mr. Linn is the owner of 160 acres of land and complains that between April 1 and August 1, 1906, Bigelow and his employees cut down and carried away 85 cedar trees containing 150,000 feet of lumber, and 40 fir trees containing 35,000 feet of lumber, board measure. According to Mr. Linn, he was damaged by this action to the extent of \$335.

Linn sets out a second allegation alleging that the defendant converted to his own use 20 cedar trees after which he broke ground and built a fish dam with the trees across Abernathy Creek and has since trespassed on the land of the plaintiff and used the dam that he constructed, damaging Linn to the extent of \$100.00. The plaintiff asks for \$1305 damages.

Killed in Logging Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery returned Sunday night from Houlton, Columbia County, where they went to attend the funeral of the late Samuel Bogges, who was killed in a logging camp near St. Helens Saturday morning. Bogges suffered frightful injuries in the machinery. His arm was torn off and he was fatally injured around the head. He died while being taken to a Portland hospital on an Astoria steamer. Bogges was 23 years of age, and was well known in this city, where he had many friends. He was formerly employed in the paper mills, and made his home for four years with Mr. Montgomery's family. He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Morris, residing at Houlton.

OAKLEY'S CALL IS UNANIMOUS

Eugene Man Chosen Pastor of Congregational Church.

KNOWN AS PULPIT ORATOR

Rev. E. S. Bollinger's Successor Possesses Scholarly Attainments—Comes In January.

Rev. E. Clarence Oakley, of the First Congregational Church of Eugene, was Sunday morning given a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church of this city, to succeed Rev. E. S. Bollinger, for eight years pastor of the Oregon City Church, who resigned some months ago to accept the pulpit of the Highland Congregational Church in East

VIOLA PEOPLE LEVY 5 MILLS

Tax Voted For Improvement of County Road.

EIGHTEEN WERE OPPOSED

Apportionment In Many Road Districts Is Overdrawn and Special Levies Are Urged By Judge.

The taxpayers of the Viola road district last Saturday afternoon voted to levy a 5-mill road tax. The meeting was well attended and was harmonious, the chairman being Road Supervisor James T. Fullam. The secretary was Alonzo Tenny. County Judge G. B. Dimick was present at the meeting. This levy was made for the purpose of improving the Ore-

\$40,000 CAPITAL

Oregon City Mill & Lumber Co. Will Double Its Present Output

LIBRARY IS ENCOURAGED

Mass Meeting of Delegates From Organizations on November 16.

The public library project for this city is meeting with the encouragement it deserves, and a committee meeting was held Friday at the rectory of St. Paul's Church at which Rev. and Mrs. P. K. Hammond, Mrs. George A. Harding, Mrs. M. M. Charnan and Mayor E. G. Casfield were present. The mayor is entering heartily into the spirit of the movement and will give it all the aid in his power, officially and otherwise.

The committee planned for a mass meeting about November 16. To this meeting there will be invited delegations of two members from every organization in the city. This plan is expected to insure the co-operation of every working body and will probably arouse enthusiasm that has otherwise laid dormant because the matter has not been brought prominently to the attention of all the people. The committee, however, will leave no stone unturned to enlist the services of representatives of the entire population. While no definite plan of campaign has yet been formulated, the organization is well under way and the desired results are anticipated without difficulty.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Rosenstein's Clothing Store Suffers Severely From Water.

Fire broke out Monday morning in the basement of the Willamette Building under the store of G. Rosenstein, whose stock of clothing and other merchandise is utterly ruined. His insurance of \$1500 will not cover the damage.

The origin of the fire is hard to determine but it came from the furnaces that are located in this basement, which is shut off from the basements under the store of George A. Harding and B. Robison in the same building, by brick walls. When the fire department reached the scene the smoke was pouring out of the front and rear gratings of the basement in great clouds, hindering the firemen in their work, but the boys labored with a will and in spite of the difficulties in the way, soon had the flames under control. The fire was confined to the basement, but the store above was flooded with water, and presents a sorry sight. The merchandise in the Fair store was slightly injured by smoke.

The fire proof nature of the building prevented its destruction. There are fire wall partitions between the stores, and these saved further damage.

Ogle Mountain Company Meeting.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Ogle Mountain Mining Company will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Knapp's hall at which time officers and directors will be elected for the ensuing year. The stockholders who are now at the mines are expected in today for the purpose of attending the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fairclough, Miss Gertrude Fairclough and Al Fairclough will be among those who will come in.

With a paid up capital stock of \$40,000, the Oregon City Mill & Lumber Company is planning to double its output, and Monday held a meeting and elected the following board of directors: N. R. Lang, W. A. Huntley, Franklin T. Griffith, L. Adams and B. Kuppenbender. Several well known men have taken stock in the corporation, N. R. Lang, J. W. Moffatt, C. G. Huntley, Franklin T. Griffith and J. E. Hedges being among them. These officers have been elected: N. R. Lang, president; Franklin T. Griffith, vice-president; W. A. Huntley, secretary; Commercial Bank, treasurer; B. Kuppenbender, mill superintendent; John A. Moelunke, mill secretary.

The plant will be operated night and day, the object of the company being to provide a market for all the lumber cut by the sawmills in the Eastern portion of Clackamas County, and the company will also engage extensively in the handling of lumber. A spur from the main line of the Southern Pacific Company will be constructed, which will give the mill two rail lines to the doors of the factory, which already has connection with the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, besides excellent water shipping facilities.

The mill will make a specialty of fir and cedar doors, its capacity being about 250 doors per day. The manufacture of flooring, window sash, ceiling, interior finish and mouldings will also be extensively engaged in. The company has ample business on its books to keep running day and night continuously for a considerable period and under the new plan will provide steady employment at its mills for not less than 50 operatives, and in addition thereto will indirectly provide steady employment for the men working in seven or eight of the sawmills east of Oregon City. The company has contracts for the entire output of several of these mills.

BACK FROM KANSAS.

A. H. Olmstead and Family Return From the Land of Cyclones.

After a year in Kansas, A. H. Olmstead and family have returned to Oregon, and will in a few days go to Rainier where they have a place to reside for a time. Mr. Olmstead was a resident of Logan for four years, and was superintendent of the Logan Cheese Factory. Mr. Olmstead has little use for Kansas as a place of residence. He saw four cyclones in one day while there and was within 40 feet of one of them, which completely wrecked a new church, six houses and two barns. The church was carried 40 feet in the air and the inhabitants of the place fled to their cyclone cellars.

"Kansas has the biggest corn crop she has ever known," said Mr. Olmstead, "and has helped to swell the bumper crop of the United States which is greater by 50,000,000 bushels over any previous year. There never was such a crop in Kansas. There was a great deal of rain there of late and in one place 17 inches of rain fell within 24 hours."

Mr. Olmstead says that thousands of house-seekers are coming west on every train.

The New Idea Cleaning and Pressing Parlors was sold Friday and the purchaser found that he had purchased a gold brick and the man who sold it did not own all of it the property. The matter was placed in the hands of the sheriff and the deputy district attorney for adjustment and the case was settled out of court by the restitution of a portion of the purchase money.

WATCH US GROW!

Next week the Courier will enlarge to a seven column paper and this addition will give to our readers about 250 inches more good, live county news. The management of the Courier has had this step in contemplation for some time and we have finally concluded to follow along our customary line of keeping abreast of the times and ahead of our so-called competitors, but in truth the Courier has little competition in its own field. There is no other newspaper that covers Clackamas County as we do and our circulation and consequent value as an advertising medium is just about double that of other papers published in this county. It is impossible for us to work alone and we continuously solicit the patronage and aid of those who are interested in the growth and upbuilding of Clackamas County. The cost of production in enlarging the Courier is not a small item but we believe that the business people and others of this city and county will meet us half way and perhaps a little more in our constant endeavor to keep in the front rank.

Portland.

Mr. Oakley will be offered a salary of \$900 per year and the parsonage, which is the same salary as Mr. Bollinger received.

Mr. Oakley is about 50 years of age and has been in Eugene two years. He was ten years in Tacoma, and four years in Oakland, Cal. He is a man of scholarly attainments and is one of the best pulpit orators in the state. His religious work was commenced in the east, and he was for several years at Detroit, Mich. He has a family consisting of Mrs. Oakley and three sons, one of whom is married and living in the east. The two younger sons have been attending the State University. They are preparing to attend school in the east and will not come to this city. It is probable that Mr. Oakley and his wife will not arrive in Oregon City until next January, if he accepts the call, which is likely, as he was an applicant for the vacant pulpit. Mr. Oakley's health has not been good in Eugene and when he was in this city some weeks ago, he expressed himself as delighted with the surroundings.

Mineral Springs on Clackamas.

Dee Wright, accompanied by Mrs. Wright, leaves this week for the headwaters of the Clackamas River, nearly 100 miles from this city, to secure samples of mineral waters for a San Francisco firm. There are a number of fine mineral springs, both hot and cold, on the headwaters of the Clackamas, and Mr. Wright will obtain samples of five of them. The firm in the Bay City will analyze the water, with a view to investing in the property.

gon City and Viola road from the store at Viola to the bridge on Little Clear Creek, a distance of about one mile. The vote was 24 to 18. Most of the opposition came from the people living on that end of the road towards Oregon City, as this portion is already improved.

It is probable that other road districts in Clackamas County will make special levies this year as in many cases the road fund apportioned to the several districts is overdrawn, and the county will make no further apportionment. Districts having roads to improve this year will have to accomplish the desired result through a special levy, and many of them have concluded to take such action.

Mr. Dimick says that the road money, amounting to about \$28,000 per year is not sufficient to care for the roads of Clackamas County. Some of the fund has to be turned over to incorporated towns and a large part of it is expended on bridge construction and repairs. The county has 3,200 miles of roads, and the money secured from the general levy is not enough to keep even the main traveled thoroughfares in good condition. Many miles of road has been constructed with the aid of popular subscriptions, but this method has not been satisfactory, as some people have been able to evade the cost of building by declining to subscribe.

Candidates For Councilmen.

Among the candidates that are coming into the field for councilmen are George Randall, from the first ward, Fred J. Meyer and J. Betzel, from the third ward, Charles W. Pope and H. C. Stevens, from the first ward, and A. Knapp, from the second ward. Petitions for several of these gentlemen are now in circulation.