

CENTRAL POINT, OREGON

WHERE THE RED-CHEEKED APPLES AND OTHER FRUITS ARE THE BASIS OF WEALTH

CENTRAL POINT, March 25.—(Special Correspondence.)—Here is the heart of the Rogue River Valley, the Central Point is the shipping station for thousands of boxes of splendid fruit which goes to all parts of the world. Nothing is more delicious than a really first-class apple or pear, and around Central Point are orchards which produce fruit selling at the very highest prices in New York and London. If a California orange will bring 5 cents in London, you should see one of the magnificent Spitzbergers or Newtown Pippin apples of this valley do the same, and in reality they do. There are about 100 apples in a box of these fine quantities, and these are sold at a profit of about 4 cents each. After paying freight, commissions, etc., they net the growers here \$1.50 and \$1.50 per box.

A Fruit Country. The level lands adapted to fruit growing in this vicinity are estimated to aggregate 20,000 acres, of which 10,000 acres are apple lands and the other 10,000 adapted to various other fruits. At the present time the total acreage of orchards in the vicinity of Central Point is about 100,000, of which 70,000 acres are in bearing, and yet in bearing. The first large orchard here was that of the Otwell brothers, of 200 acres, and it was nine years after the first year planted before a crop was gathered, but every year since 1888 this orchard has produced 20,000 boxes of choice apples, which means an annual income of about \$30,000. The success of these gentlemen and orchards for growing fruit has given an impetus to the business of apple growing, and right now more new apple orchards are being planted than ever before. I met here Mr. L. W. Cox, who came to Central Point last year from Colorado, and he said: "I thought we could raise fine apples in Colorado, but since seeing and sampling the fruit of the Rogue River valley I yield to it the palm, as they surpass anything ever seen in abundant yield, high coloring, exquisite flavor and immense size."

There are about 30,000 acres in the valley here, but all land is adapted to growing fruit. The experienced fruit-growers here have taught them to distinguish between the good and bad fruit lands and as a consequence the prices vary greatly. You can buy good apple land for \$10 an acre, but it is not fruit land. You can buy good apple land for \$30 an acre, but it is six or seven miles from the railroad. If you want the very best land, in the best locality for growing fruit, you will be called upon to pay about \$100 an acre.

The number of trees planted to the acre varies from 50 to 80, and an apple orchard comes into bearing in from 10 to 15 years, depending upon the character of the soil to a great extent. Taking eight years as an average, and figuring cost of your land and interest on the money, the cost of the pruning, spraying and cultivating an acre of fruit trees, it will have cost you at least \$300 when in full bearing.

From inquiry among the fruit-growers have learned that an average yield per acre of choice apples one year with another is 150 boxes, and if these net \$1 a box the income from an acre of apples would be \$150 a year. The cost of pruning, spraying, cultivating and interest on the cost of each acre of bearing orchard will amount to \$50 an acre annually, leaving a profit over all expenses \$100 an acre. This may seem an exaggerated statement of profits, but I have taken an average yield and a fair price, which has ruled the best six years for the best qualities. Mr. J. W. Merritt, a well-known business man of Central Point, had owned a 30-acre orchard which netted him over \$100 above all expenses, including interest, \$1200, or \$40 an acre, and he sold the apples for \$10 a box.

Ten Acres Enough. Supposing ten acres of the very best and most accessible land be purchased here and set out to fruit. It will cost at the end of eight years \$3000. The first crop will net \$1000 above all expenses, and in three years the farm will have been paid for out of the income. I was told of a case where a gentleman bought a 10-acre farm near Talent which was in full bearing, and the first year's crop following fully paid for the farm.

Let us suppose 1000 acres of cultivated fruit land in this section were divided into 10-acre tracts. It would give 2000 families each an income of \$1000 a year, and the total gross income to the people on these farms would be \$2,000,000 a year. The amount of money invested to secure this influx of money into Jackson County would be \$6,000,000.

That the profits of apple-growing is not a new discovery is evidenced by the large number of orchards now being set out in this locality. A. P. Armstrong, of the Portland Business College, has already set out 40 acres of the Armstrong homestead farm, which the now owns, to Newtowne and Spitzbergers with quite a block of Jonathan apples, and has made arrangements to put out the balance of the ranch another year.

B. B. Hanley, of Dalton trail fame, has the ground laid out for plant 100 acres of the rich alluvium of the portion of the old Hanley ranch, two miles west, to the three varieties of apples named above, and will plant a first-class setting of 3-year-old alfalfa in order to set the fruit on this ranch in the best possible locations in the entire county, this given a pointer as to the views of a very successful business man as to the future of the fruit industry here. Adjoining his place is the young orchard of Arthur J. Weeks, 20 acres set to Winter apples and Winter pears, also on a portion of the old Hanley holdings. Mr. Weeks formerly brought to maturity one of the best orchards now bearing to the southward of this district, and sought the best soil of the Central Point district for his latest venture. He is one among the most thorough horticulturists in the valley, and among other modern methods is the draining to a greater extent than is usual in this country. He, too, will plant up magnificent alfalfa in order to get the soil best possible.

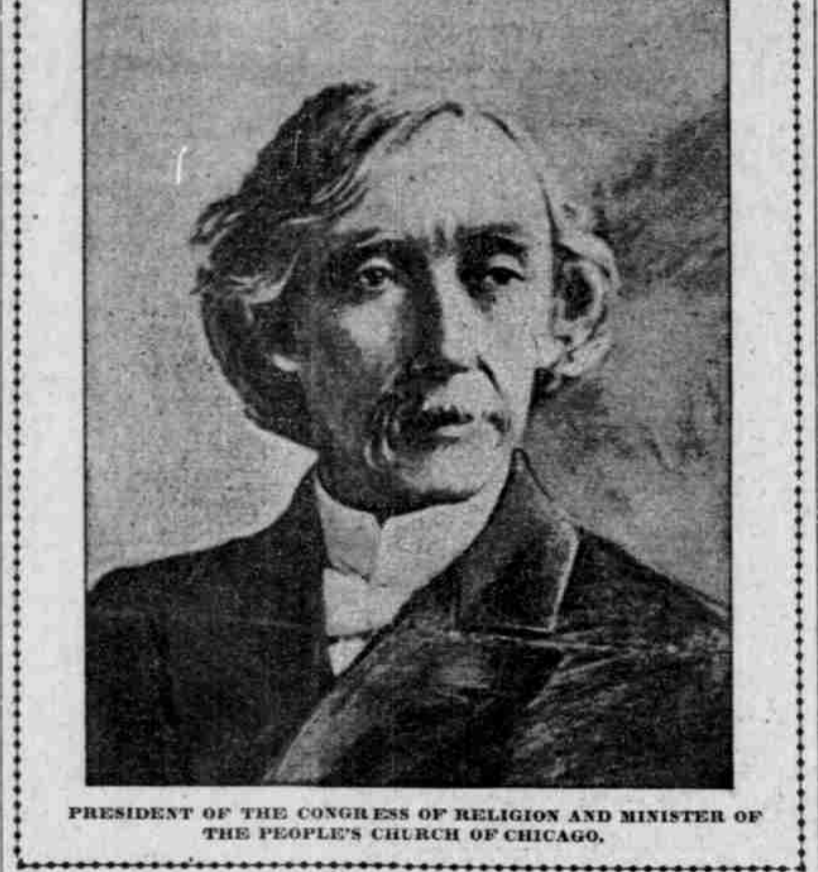
Miss Alice Hanley has also set a fine orchard on the western slope of Hanley Butte, which appears to be also adapted to apple culture. All of these orchards will have a shipping point here. To the south, in the same alluvial belt, is the young pear orchard and Jonathan apple orchard of C. E. Stewart, who will set the entire Mingo tract of 100 acres within the next year or two, he being on the road leading to Medford. Several farmers have made arrangements for setting Winter pears and apples in the Heber Grove section, which includes Mr. Stewart's orchard, notably J. A. Thomas and J. N. Thomas.

SEEM TO BE TROUBLESOME

GUGLIELMO FAMILY NOW APPEARS IN DIVORCE COURT.

The Wife of Murdered Man's Son Says Her Husband Loves His Stepmother Best. Because her husband, Frank Guglielmo, beat and abused her and threatened to kill her, Concetta Guglielmo yesterday filed suit against him in the State Circuit Court for a divorce. Theresa Guglielmo, the stepmother of the defendant, is named as co-respondent. In her complaint Mrs. Guglielmo sets forth that they have all been living in the same house at 88 Front street, and that her husband compelled her to get up early in the morning, do the marketing and prepare the breakfast. The stepmother, on the other hand, would not arise until the meal was ready. The abused wife states further that Guglielmo on three different occasions since December 25, 1902, had pointed a pistol at her and threatened to shoot her, saying: "You are a

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done by the people of Rogue River Valley in sending an advertisement in every box of choice apples or pears. The fact that they are choice speaks more for the country than anything else. That is all true, and yet you find the same people who advertise in that way are the very ones who will assist any good measure for better making known the resources of the country. The class of people who are making Rogue River famous are men of energy and push, and their very enthusiasm instills energy and push into the actions of others. Among such a people it is a pleasure to dwell.

Mr. W. J. Freeman is doing business in Central Point, and did not have time to get out on the fertile lands and plant an orchard, but nevertheless he owns 12 acres of bearing prune trees which brought him in an income of \$750 last year, and this he bought 25 acres of land and made a contract with Mr. Norcross, a well-known fruitman, to plant the 25 acres and care for it three years, and agreed to deed Mr. Norcross one-half the land at the end of three years. The result was that Mr. Freeman secured good bearing orchard of prune trees with but little cost of time and money and Mr. Norcross made a profitable bargain also. This is a hint which may be made profitable to other persons in a similar situation. By a tract of 25 or 30 acres and have some resident here plant and care for the orchard up to bearing time, on shares.

Central Point is on the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, only five miles from Medford, and has business houses, churches and schools, and is a desirable place of residence. The public school is an enrollment of 175, with 10 teachers, and a nine months' school. The principal is A. J. Hanby; assistant principal, J. A. Beah; intermediate grade, Mrs. A. J. Hanby, and primary grade, Miss Zada Owens.

MRS. B. S. PAGUE WELCOMED

Woman's Club Receives Former Delegates to State Federation. The Woman's Club had the pleasure yesterday afternoon of welcoming Mrs. B. S. Pague, who has returned to Portland after an absence of several years in Washington. Mrs. Pague, who was elected delegate to the State Federation, was held at Astoria in June. Following are the names of the delegates: Mrs. Grace Wain, Mrs. Milla Trumbull, Mrs. G. M. Gilnes, Mrs. Rose Hoyt, Mrs. John McRobert and Mrs. E. W. Bingham.

Hermann Works in Clackamas. OREGON CITY, Ore., March 25.—(Special.)—Republican primaries will be held throughout the county tomorrow. It was reported yesterday that an effort was being made to elect Hermann delegates to the county convention, which meets in this city April 4. In Oregon City a fight is being put up against Senator Brown, but it will probably be voted over. Even if his opponent should succeed he will probably get enough votes out of the county to insure a Brownist delegation to the Congressional convention.

COMPLAINT DEFECTIVE

Divorced Woman Wants Her Second Marriage Declared Void.

Judge Sears yesterday declined to consider the suit of Jennie M. Higgins against C. W. Higgins to have a marriage declared void, for the reason that the complaint did not conform to the requirements of the statute. Mrs. Higgins was divorced from E. A. Russ in this city in October, 1902, and a few days later married Higgins. The complaint of the plaintiff is based on the fact that the defendant had been married to another woman, both parties at the time of filing the complaint still reside in this state. The complaint in the present case does not so declare, although the attorney for the plaintiff said that as a matter of fact Higgins was living here when the suit was filed. The complaint will have to be amended to make it valid. Mrs. Higgins desires to resume her maiden name, Oler.

STILL AFTER THE MONEY.

Man Injured by Fall of Decayed Bridge Wants Damages.

M. Bottler, who fell through the Second-street bridge across Marquam Gulch on November 3, 1902, yesterday filed suit for \$5000 damages in the State Circuit Court against the City of Portland, Mayor Williams, the members of the Common Council, the City Engineer and the members of the Board of Public Works. Bottler alleges that the bridge was out of repair and dangerous, and that the defendants wilfully neglected the duty enjoined by law on them to repair the bridge and put it in safe condition. The plaintiff states that he was standing on the bridge near the north end when, without warning, it gave way and he was carried down with it. He avers that he suffered a contusion of his left shoulder, a fracture of a rib, was otherwise severely bruised and mangled and that his left arm is permanently disabled.

Would Adopt Her Own Child.

D. E. Roblin and his wife, Helen Roblin, yesterday filed a petition in the County Court for leave to adopt Charlotte Helen Fisher, a minor, and change her surname to Roblin. Mrs. Roblin is the mother of the child by William Fisher. She obtained a divorce from Fisher and married Roblin.

Court Notes.

Judge Sears will announce a decision today in the case of Joseph Heiney vs. Albert Heiney on the motion to dismiss an appeal. District Attorney Manning yesterday returned not a true bill in the case of Mamie Parker, charged with stealing \$10 from M. J. Kelly. Judge Chalmers will decide the following cases today: Charlotte Heiney vs. Fredrick Benfield, on merits; Gus Brill vs. Emma Brill, same. Multnomah County vs. Willamette & Columbia River Towing Company et al, made December 1902, on complaint and demurrers to complaint. Articles of Incorporation of the Broadway Land Company were filed in the office of the County Clerk yesterday, by the following: W. H. B. Wells, president; Morris B. Wells; capital stock, \$10,000.

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