

WHY APPLE LAND IS HIGH PRICED

Hood River Realty Owners Base Values on Enormous Profits Returned.

ONE ACRE WILL NET \$400

Portland Business Men Are Astonished by Facts and Figures Furnished by the Fruitioners.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 7.—(Special Correspondence.)—This fruit district has made remarkable growth in the last seven years. Its apples have spread its fame over the world and its strawberries over America.

The Portland excursionists here yesterday saw orchards that yielded net profits of between \$200 and \$400 an acre a season and that apples will yield net profits of \$400 or more an acre one year after another.

Learn Facts at First Hand. The Portland men learned more about Hood River lands and crops in the three hours of their visit than they ever knew before. They were informed by foremost citizens that strawberries yield net profits of between \$200 and \$400 an acre a season and that apples will yield net profits of \$400 or more an acre one year after another.

Portland Man's Big Profit. Last year F. Eckert, of Portland, sold the apples of a 10-acre orchard, 4000 boxes, for \$5000.

Mr. Davidson cited that his 25 acres of strawberries last year netted him \$4000. He remarked, as showing the increase in the price of real estate, that several years ago he sold 50 acres of land for \$5000 and recently bought 40 acres on the opposite side of the river for \$2000.

Banker Returns to Farming. One of the leading orchardists, citing that E. L. Smith had sold his apple lands and had gone into the banking business, was asked why there should be this drift from apple-growing if the business is so profitable. He replied that Smith is getting back into the apple business. This prompted the remark from Senator Fulton.

The tendency used to be for a successful farmer to turn banker, after he gathered together a few hundred dollars, but here the tendency is the other way.

Within two weeks the strawberries are expected to ripen. And because strawberries will be a light crop in the Middle West this year, Hood River growers are looking for high prices. The strawberry business does not grow, however, as does the apple business. Hence much land is being turned from strawberries to apples. During the first three or four years of an apple orchard, it is common for farmers to cultivate strawberries between the rows of trees. In this way they get a revenue while their apple trees are coming into bearing. Otherwise they would have to go without returns on their orchard investment for five or six years.

Eternal Snows Supply Water. A great part of the productivity of this district comes from the waters of Hood River, which are used extensively for irrigation. This rapid flowing stream is fed in early summer and during most of the year by numerous glaciers flowing from the mountain sides and in late summer by glaciers of Mount Hood, which then turn its water from crystal to white. At the season when the most water is needed for irrigation, the most water, therefore, flows, this being in August and early September.

Hood River farmers lay great store by their river. They say the 100,000 horsepower of 10 miles of its flow will some day light their houses and run their farm machinery, their plows and cultivators and what not else.

Facts in Vest Pocket. The Portland visitors received from the Hood River Commercial Club the following data, printed on a vest-pocket card:

Apple crop 1906, 200 carloads. Fancy Spitznagel sold for \$2.15 per bushel. Lumber output last four years, 225,000,000 feet. Value, \$2,225,000.

Number of acres tillable land in the valley, 80,000. Acres in cultivation, 8000. Population of valley (estimated), 5000. Engineer's estimate of the water power in the stream of Hood River, 100 horsepower per mile for 10 miles. Total, 100,000 horsepower.

water supply from large springs, first-class sewer system.

BANISH THE MOLDERS' UNION

Seattle Iron Foundries Unite for the Open Shop System.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 7.—The Iron Molders' Union is no longer recognized in the foundries on Puget Sound and the "open shop" system has been adopted. Every foundry in Seattle affected by the strike of the union iron molders has prepared to employ non-union labor in their plants, and representatives of several Seattle firms are now in the East under the union iron molders' plan to mechanics to work in the plants in Seattle.

The members of the Iron Molders' Union realize that the "open shop" policy of the foundries on the Sound means the death knell of their union, and of the 200 molders originally involved in the strike more than half are seeking new fields of employment.

The foundrymen of Western Washington have united in their fight against the union rule and the open shop policy will be carried out in all the plants in the combine. Between 2000 and 3000 men are employed by the foundrymen in the combine and the employers say they will never again submit to union domination of their plants. The greater the foundries will be ranked with the machine shops and the union card will not be recognized.

BAKER WANTS BETTER RATES

Business Men of Town Anxious to Make It Distributing Point.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Baker City is preparing to make an effort through the Oregon Railroad Commission to secure changes in railroad rates which will make Baker the distributing center for a large section of Eastern Oregon. Definite plans have not been made and the higher City commercial interests have not determined just what they want, but W. F. Butcher, a prominent attorney, was in Salem today conferring with the commission and ascertaining the procedure it will be necessary to follow.

CLOSE BRIDGE TO TRAFFIC

Big Structure at Oregon City to be Repaired.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Circuit Court this morning closed the big suspension bridge that spans the Willamette River to Oregon City to teams and wagons, allowing pedestrians to pass over. Bridge experts of the Southern-Pacific Company made a detailed examination of the structure yesterday, and advised the members of the court to close it at once, stating that it might stand the strain for weeks, but on the other hand might do down at any time. Repairs to the bridge will be commenced at once and it is estimated that there will be no traffic of any kind. The paper mills and factories on the west side will construct a pontoon bridge near the falls for the accommodation of their operator, but residents of Clackamas County west of the Willamette will not frequent Oregon City for several weeks.

STATE TO MAKE OWN LIGHT

If Bids Are Unsatisfactory, Will Place Plant in Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Board of Capitol Building Commissioners today called for proposals for supplying the state institutions at Salem with electric light after March, 1908, when the present contract with the Portland General Electric Company will expire. Proposals must be submitted by June 4. In case the state cannot secure satisfactory terms a plant will be installed at the penitentiary, and the state will make its own electricity for the capitol, prison, asylum, blind school, model school, reform school and asylum farm. The State Board has no complaint to make as to present prices, but it has been intimated that rates will be raised for a new contract. After June 4 there will be time to install a state plant if found desirable.

COSTS HIM \$15 TO USE CLUB.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—George Stapan yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery and was fined \$15. Steiner alleged that Stapan attacked him and beat him over the head with a club. There was a girl in the case.

Post to Observe Decoration Day.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Post 2, Grand Army of the Republic, and Meade Relief Corps are planning the observance of Decoration day, and have appointed Capt. W. H. Steiner, commander. This committee will hold a meeting in the office of County Assessor James F. Nelson next Thursday evening.

Married Just to Win a Home.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—W. A. White has commenced suit against Kate A. White for a decree of divorce. They were married October 15, 1898, and have two children, aged 5 and 9 years respectively. The plaintiff charges his wife with running around with other men, and she admitted to one of them that she did not love him, but married him only to get love him. She falsely accused him of being intoxicated in Estacada in 1905.

Assigned to Company K.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—First Lieutenant C. F. von dem Busche has reported at the barracks for service with the Fourteenth Infantry and has been assigned to Company "K" of that regiment. Lieutenant von dem Busche was recently promoted from the Second Lieutenant in the Eighteenth Infantry, with a station at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Paving at 20 Cents a Foot.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Nells H. Henriksen, of Vancouver, was today awarded the contract to construct 17,250 square feet of cement sidewalk at the barracks. The price was for the lump sum of \$4824, making an average price of 20 cents per square foot. The work must be completed within 90 days.

Baker Wins for Inspector.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff today appointed Edward T. Trumbull, of Salisbury, Baker County, a factory inspector. He is a foreman in a planing mill and is familiar with machinery.

MOORE IS ELECTED MAYOR OF SPOKANE

Republicans Defeat Floyd Daggett, Incumbent, by Majority of 1874.

TOTAL VOTE OVER 10,000

Clashes at the Polls Are Frequent Between Police and Deputy Sheriffs—Thousands of Dollars Are Placed on Wagers.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—C. Herbert Moore, Republican, was today elected Mayor of Spokane by a majority over Floyd Daggett, incumbent, of 1874. The total vote was 9628, exclusive of the 400-odd Socialists, which ran the grand total to more than 10,000. Harry Englesten, Democrat, for treasurer, defeated Lewis Lusk, Republican, and Robert Fairley, Democrat, for comptroller.

DEATH OF PIONEER WOMAN.

Mrs. Anna Catherine Davidson, who died at her home, 821 St. Paul, Or., April 24, was born in Blackhawk, Iowa, August 3, 1846. When an infant she crossed the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, reaching the Willamette Valley in 1847. Her family first resided in Bellview, Yamhill County, where her childhood was spent. In 1850, her parents moved to St. Paul, Or. She was educated in St. Mary's Academy, Portland. In 1864 she was married to William Franklin Davidson, who, with 11 children, survives her.

TOO BUSY TO SEE HER SON

Seattle Woman Refuses to Leave Her Card-Table.

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That is what Truancy Officer Ketchum was found when he visited the home of the woman who was the subject of a subpoena to appear as a witness. Young McLellan in company with two other boys is said to have robbed Edward Ketchum for city money, and to have taken a purse from his hands. He was a freshman at the High School.

USES GUN TO KEEP HER CHILD

For This, Mother Is Arrested on Charge of Kidnaping.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 7.—Mrs. Ida Heffron, of Seattle, formerly of Chehalis, has been arrested here on a charge of kidnaping and sent to Chehalis on a charge of kidnaping. Mrs. Ida Heffron and her husband, Gus, separated last September. Mrs. Heffron alleges that she was forced to leave her husband and child, and that she would not support her and their children; that he had frequently beaten her, and that in California, where they lived for some time, he made his living by prowling around at night, stealing vegetables and anything he could lay his hands on. The couple is not divorced. Mrs. Heffron has been working at the Overland Hotel, in Seattle.

Will of Mrs. Hildebrand.

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TUTOR FORGERY

Mrs. English Is Charged With Teaching Crime.

YOUNG GIRL THE VICTIM

Woman Arrested by Deputy Sheriff Alleged to Have Schooled Fellow-Prisoners in the Art of Preparing Fraudulent Checks.

Minnie English, a young woman of 30, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Leonard, at 921 Francis avenue, on a charge of forgery. An indictment was returned against her by Assistant District Attorney Moser, and the complaint contains serious allegations. Mrs. English is charged by Alameda Platt, the 18-year-old girl who is held in jail on a similar indictment, with having schooled her in the crime of forgery, and also with enticing other young girls to do wrong.

STRIPES ONLY FOR BAD ONES

Management of Walls Walls Penitentiary Makes New Ruling.

TACOMA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Stripes will be abolished at the State Penitentiary at Walls Walls for all but the most hardened and desperate convicts. Prisoners will be segregated into three grades and only those of the lowest rank will be required to wear the striped suit. "Preparations for this change," have been under way for some time, said J. H. Day, of the Board of Prison Control, today. "Three different kinds of uniforms will be used, but only the unfortunates will be forced to wear stripes. Stripes will be punishment for a breach of discipline or the infraction of rules, but by good behavior a convict can work himself out of the striped suit class."

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SUIT OVER LARGE ESTATE

John Clark Asks Son's Removal as Administrator.

A case is pending in court between John Clark and John A. Clark, father and son, over the administration of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, valued at \$125,000. Mrs. Clark was the mother of John A. Clark. Both father and son are connected with the Clark Saddlery Company, 404 Front street. John Clark charges that his son, in 1904, took away unlawfully and sold to R. Sutton, property worth \$529. He asks for the removal of his son as administrator and that he be named as successor to that title.

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