

BIG ACREAGE SET IN NEW ORCHARDS

Hill Party Notes Development of Rogue and Umpqua Valleys.

SOME LAND LOW-PRICED

Great Northern Disapproves Methods of Minority Stockholder Interested in Townsite Plan, Mr. Hill Says.

BY R. G. CALVERT. ROSEBURG, Or., May 23.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Something like 30,000 acres have been set out to new orchards in the Rogue River and Umpqua Valleys in the last year.

These figures are those given by horticulturists in the two valleys and include 15,000 in the Medford and Ashland territory, more than 4,000 acres in the Grants Pass district, and 10,000 acres in the country directly tributary to Roseburg, in the Umpqua Valley.

A fruit bug, this time attacking the human species, apparently has invaded Oregon, and as it is not confining its ravages to the two valleys named, what Oregon will finally achieve as a fruit-producing State is hard to conceive.

Carload to Two Acres Estimated.

Those inclined toward the statistical line can gain some idea from the statement that in this section of Oregon, horticulturists figure on a yield of a carload of fruit to every two acres of land. This average may not hold out when the new orchards are in full bearing, but it is the belief of the one-year plantings would produce yearly yields of 15,000 carloads, or about 30 times what the famous Rogue River orchards around Medford are now yielding.

There is not yet much talk of fruit canneries. Apples and pears are graded, but it is asserted that boxes of "seconds" properly marked and placed in the cars with the higher grade, brought better prices in the Eastern markets than could have been obtained at canneries, and that what was left of the fruit was not fit for canning.

Some Low-Priced Land Left.

The Hill party departed yesterday from the main road after Grants Pass was reached that some of the Rogue River Valley where it widens again could be seen. This section of the valley once was devoted principally to the growing of melons, hay, grain and hops.

Melons patches and hop fields are still to be seen, but they are rapidly giving place to orchards.

He who has read of the sales of \$1000 orchard land in the Rogue Valley and thinks it requires a fortune still to get into fruitgrowing in the valley, has still something to learn. There was recorded this week the sale of a tract of land about 12 miles from Grants Pass that has the general character of the other good fruit land in the valley at a price of \$100 an acre.

The tract was bought by men who have been among the successful ones in fruitgrowing, and they intend to set the land to fruit trees.

It is from the wagon road, rather than from the observation platform of a railway car, that one can obtain the best idea of the fruit valleys of Western and of Southern Oregon. Each of the main valleys has its smaller tributaries, and while the railroad follows the main water courses, the wagon road takes short cuts, climbing up and down ridges from valley to valley.

There is a mountainous barrier that divides the Rogue from the Umpqua Valley and in following it the traveler for a time loses sight of orchards and cultivated tracts other than those found on infrequent mountain farms. The road is smooth when compared with other roads in Oregon. Numerous stretches it is well graded. Even after the Umpqua River in the Southern Pacific does not follow the hills from which inspiring views of the fields, orchards and oak-covered knolls are obtained.

Small Valleys Numerous.

Small tributary valleys are more characteristic of the Umpqua than of the Rogue Valley. One of the wagon road good conceptions of the extent of the district is secured. The Umpqua has been a great prune producing valley and its orchards are yielding something like 6,000,000 pounds annually, but the apple fever has attacked the orchardists strongly and the tendency toward apple planting is growing stronger.

A new phase of the possibility of the Oregon Trunk line, entering any part of this district by building across the Cascades has been given since the visit of Mr. Hill. Although the Trunk Line's articles of incorporation have just been amended to permit such construction, Mr. Hill held out no hope to the people of Medford that the Pacific & Eastern would be extended into the Deschutes country. In fact he discouraged the idea. This was after he had been out over the route as far as Eagle Point.

Mr. Hill went to Medford admitting little or no knowledge of the line or the conditions under which the Hill interests purchased it. He told the business men of Medford that he had understood the mountains could be crossed at an elevation of about 2000 feet, but on investigation found that the survey attained an altitude of 5000 feet.

Scheme Not Countenanced.

He asserted that the Great Northern would not approve crossing the mountain range at such an elevation. Mr. Hill also criticized the deep excavations of a local minority stockholder and officer of the road. The president of the Great Northern discovered that the Pacific & Eastern extension now under way passes within a quarter of a mile of the town of Eagle Point, a village 61 years old. Instead of giving the town a depot and depot facilities, a new townsite has been platted three miles away and the business houses induced to move. A local officer of the road is interested in the townsite and Mr. Hill declared it was a scheme which the Great Northern could not countenance and to which it did not wish to be considered a party.

Mr. Hill mentioned these things briefly at the banquet given in his honor by the Medford Commercial Club Friday night and expressed regret that

he could not give the city more encouragement as to prospective railroad development.

100 LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Steamer From Japan Brings Details of Horrible Disaster.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—Details of the disastrous fire at Aomori, North Japan, in which 100 persons were burned to death and 8000 of the 11,500 buildings were razed, with loss of \$2,600,000, were received by the steamer Inaba Maru today. The burned area was one and three-sevenths miles long and a quarter of a mile broad.

Soldiers, searching the debris, found several acres of charred bodies. Thirty thousand homeless people were gathered in refuge camps. Great suffering followed the fire and supplies of rice brought in were eaten raw by the starving people. A store of powder exploded and shook the whole area soon after the fire was extinguished.

The fire originated in a small house and high wind and lack of water resulted in a conflagration on both sides of the river. One family, seeking to save valuables from a storehouse, was locked in by police, who were ignorant of their presence, and all perished. Agonizing scenes occurred in the streets, where crowds seeking to save their furniture were driven away by flames and many who ferried their goods across the river thinking to find safety there, were driven away and their goods destroyed.

CHAUFFEUR MAY BE THIEF

Youth Arrested at Roseburg Also Wanted at Lebanon.

ALBANY, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The young man arrested at Roseburg under the name of Edward Shultz is wanted at Lebanon for larceny. While at Lebanon he was working as chauffeur for Dr. J. C. Booth and went under the name of Lennox.

One afternoon he secured a horse and buggy at a Lebanon livery stable and invited a young woman to drive to this city with him. When they arrived in Albany the young man asked his companion to hold the horse while he went into a store. She held the horse for almost an hour and then went to investigate and discovered that her companion had walked into the front door of the store and out a rear door. He had not been heard of since until his arrest in Roseburg.

The young woman who accompanied Lennox to this city secured a driver and returned the team to Lebanon. In the meantime it was charged that the chauffeur had taken a gold watch and some other articles from the residence of his employer, Dr. J. C. Booth.

FISH TRUST MEN INDICTED

Twenty Officials of San Francisco Combine Are Held.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Indictments against 20 officials of San Francisco wholesale fish-dealing firms, comprising the so-called "fish trust" of this city, were returned by the grand jury tonight.

The indictments are a result of the investigations made into the business methods of the fish companies by District Attorney Fickert of heads and other officials of the fish companies charged with violation of the Cartwright anti-trust law.

YAKIMA NEEDS 5000 MEN

Labor Bureau Formed to Supply Help for Fruit Harvest.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Leading fruit men of the Valley, meeting at Toppenish today, decided that 5000 laborers are needed to harvest the fruit crop this season. A Yakima Valley labor bureau was formed, committees were named and plans formulated to secure the help needed.

Fall From Flume Injures.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—John Huston fell from a lumber flume at Lucia Spur, on the Northern Pacific Yacolt branch, this afternoon, and sustained several broken ribs, and internal injuries. Doctors have been hastened to the Lucia Company's mill in an automobile. Once before Mr. Huston fell from the same flume, but he was not badly injured then. His injuries this time are thought to be serious. Mr. Huston is one of the owners of the Lucia Company's mill at Lucia Spur.

Grants Pass Wins Game.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The ball game this afternoon between Glendale and the home team was won by Grants Pass by a score of 5 to 0.

NEW ROUTE SOUGHT

Surveyors Run Line From Jordan Valley West.

HARRIMAN CREWS WORKING

Intention Evidently to Enter State From Main Line and Cross to Old Oregon-Eastern Survey--Grade Comparatively Easy One.

BURNS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—An important movement of the Harriman railroad interests is in progress in the eastern part of Harney County and across Malheur to the state line. Crews of surveyors have been at work for some time running a line from the Idaho border, at Jordan Valley, practically straight westward through Barren Valley to Venator, where the intention is to join the former survey of the Oregon Eastern, made four years ago by the Oregon Short Line.

The intention, as near as can be ascertained, is to enter the state from the main line at a point in the vicinity of Jordan Valley, then cross the Owyhee River west of there and proceed on an easy grade across the tablelands, avoiding the triangle that would be made by going around by Ontario and Vale; then southward along the course of South Malheur River; also leaving out Malheur Canyon entirely, with the threatened right-of-way troubles, and making a saving of about 100 miles.

The engineers, who are now working in Barren Valley in the vicinity of Grant, are said to have found an easy grade all the way—less than 1 per cent—and few curves. The only costly engineering feat will be in crossing the Owyhee River, where a bridge of 100-foot span and 1200 feet high at the deepest point, will be required in order to keep on the level of least resistance so far as the contour of the country is concerned.

Attorney Zera Snow, of the Short Line, V. B. Ayer, the contractor, Carl Spuhna arrived from Prineville in their automobile Saturday night, and after a rest, without indicating their purpose, they followed the track of Louis W. Hill, going to William Hanley's ranch, thence across the country to Lakewood and Klamath Falls.

EFFECT IS FELT AT REDMOND

Coming of Railroad Sends Up Price of Land.

REDMOND, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Railroad work is progressing rapidly on the new contract for building the Oregon Trunk through this country. District Engineer Lentner has established his camps along the entire line and is now ready for the contractors. Mr. McPee, of the contractors, was in Redmond Saturday, looking the ground over and making arrangements to begin work as soon as the supplies, which are on the way, reach here. He has engaged the services of all the freighters between here and Shanks to transport supplies.

The advent of railroad construction is already affecting the price of farm lands, and one farm of 80 acres, containing about 23 acres of irrigable land, has been sold for \$13,000. Men are looking for farms and business locations as never before and are coming in every day. The demand for lumber is so great that none of it is unloaded at the yards, but is taken direct to the building sites.

A contract has been signed for the building of an electric light plant, and it is expected that within 30 days the streets, business houses and residences of Redmond will be electric-lighted.

BEND GETS DIVISION OFFICES

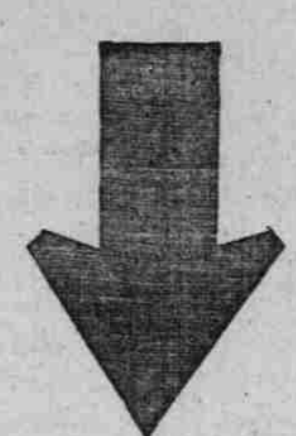
Town Is Made Headquarters for 125-Mile Contract.

BEND, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Bend is to be the headquarters for both the engineers and contractors on the recently let section of the Oregon Trunk Railroad construction. Such a move, long expected, has become a certainty in the action of J. J. Cryderman, division engineer, and Malcolm McPhee, representative of H. C. Henry, who yesterday completed arrangements for office quarters here.

The engineer and contractor's chief have leased for an indefinite period Lara's Hall, a large hall in the center of town, which hitherto has been devoted to dances and public entertainments. The proprietor of the building, A. M. Lara, has been instructed to subdivide the hall into a number of offices. This work is now being done, and within ten days the engineer and contractor will take up their quarters there. Mr. Cryderman has entire charge of the engineering work recently let to Mr. Henry, and Mr. McPhee is the latter's high-hand man, who directs the construction work along the

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EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES ARE STANDING, AND THOSE OF TENTH GRADE ARE SEATED. DUFUR, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The accompanying photographs show the graduates of the Dufur High School of the year 1910. They are: Standing, left to right, Marion Winslow, Dudley Tobin, Lelah Otey and Thomas Strachan; sitting, May Strachan, Rodney Cooper and Stella Benedet. Those standing are eighth grade graduates, and those sitting are tenth grade. The graduating exercises were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church here, and were unusually interesting. The class colors are lavender and white.

LICENSE WINS IN ASOTIN

Majority of 47 Is Keen Disappointment to "Drys."

ASOTIN, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—By a vote of 122 to 75 the advocates of licensed saloons won the election here

MURDER REMAINS MYSTERY

Officials Have Not Single Clue in Thrasher Case.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Sheriff Jones reports that there is not a single clue on which to work in the Thrasher murder case. District At-

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