

HULL OF PROSPERITY HEARD AT GARDNER

Addison Bennett Points Out Advantages of Town on Lower Umpqua River.

TIMBER IS ONE INDUSTRY Business Is Found in Thriving Condition—Bank Makes Gain of \$24,000 in Deposits Since January 1.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. GARDNER, Or., March 21.—Gardner is the largest town on the Lower Umpqua River and the Umpqua, with the exception of the Columbia, is the largest river in Oregon. It rises on the very summit of the Cascade Range...

When the present owners purchased the plant there belonged to them about 2000 acres of land, which they sold for about \$50,000, every log tributary to the Umpqua. Mr. Jewett was for many years the manager of the plant and he died about two years ago...

These figures are hard to grasp. I tried to figure up what 1,900,000,000 feet amounts to when talking to C. E. Powers, of the Smith-Powers Logging Company. Mr. Powers has had several hundred men at work in the woods adjacent to Cook Bay for six or seven years...

What do you think of a town of some 600 or 700 people that has been in existence for more than half a century and yet has never been incorporated? That is the shape Gardner is taking...

As you approach the town you first notice a great sawmill with the smoke pouring from its chimneys, with men scurrying to and fro on the wharves and others loading a large vessel tied up at the wharf.

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Never Any Sour, Gassy or Acid Stomach, Heartburn or Dyspepsia.

"Pape's Diapepsin" Makes Weak Stomachs Strong and Healthy at Once.

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MILLS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOL LAND

More Than \$6,000,000 Realized From Sales—Interest Makes Total \$13,141,166.

625,000 ACRES ARE UNSOLD Charge of Dissipation of Domain Are Declared Refuted by Figures Compiled by Secretary of State Land Board.

From the sale of its school lands and interest on the irreducible school fund for the last 46 years the state of Oregon has harvested the vast sum of \$13,141,166.78. This sum, which has been distributed to the benefit of Oregon's school children, is declared by the state land board to be far in excess of the charge so often made that the school lands of the state have been dissipated in the past.

SUMMARIZED HISTORY OF OREGON'S SCHOOL LANDS FOR 46 YEARS. Total acreage sold... 2,947,654.32 Total amount realized from sales... \$6,352,959.13

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The average price received by the state from the sale of its school lands since 1870 is \$2.16 an acre. This amount would be more than double the money received from interest on the school fund during the period were it not for the fact that the state had not received interest on the school fund since 1910.

Washington to Reduce Price. Judging from the situation in the state of Washington, where the state authorities are about to reduce the price of the school lands from \$10 to \$3 an acre, because of no demand, Oregon's policy seems to be sound.

25,000 Deeds Issued. In the time that school lands have been sold in Oregon approximately 25,000 deeds have been issued by the State Land Office.

Speculation Dates From 1900. The year 1900 witnessed the beginning of speculative buying of school lands. The price at this time watered at a minimum of \$1.25 an acre, though a legislative enactment of the year before gave the state the right to sell the lands for whatever amount above \$1.25 an acre it might consider the acreage applied for to be worth.

Business Men Are Listed. Here is a list of the business men of the town: L. M. Perkins, postmaster; Gardner Hotel, Ambrose La Rouchette, proprietor; Gardner Mill Co., store; Gardner Mill, Oscar B. Hinsdale, superintendent and manager; Reed-Janelle Company, general store; Port of Umpqua, Courier, J. H. Austin, being the owner and editor.

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When the 1903 act was passed, the price of indemnity lands was increased to \$5 an acre. In 1905 it had been increased to \$10 and in 1907 it had been increased to \$20 an acre. Successively after 1903 the price for indemnity lands was advanced to \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$15 and \$17. The last act of the Legislature in 1909 made in 1909, when Mr. Benson was Governor.

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HIDES SHIPPED BY MAIL Parcel Post Rate \$1.08 Against Cost of \$4 by Express.

Centralla Youth in Villa Chase. CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—The interest of Toledo people in the chase of Villa is intensified by the fact that Clarence Hughes, son of Rev. E. L. Hughes, is a member of Troop F, Twelfth United States Cavalry. No word has been received by the soldier's family, however, since he was ordered to the border.

Centralla Boy to Join Navy.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—Hulet Honeywell, a Centralla boy, left at Bremerton this morning to enlist in the United States Navy as a wireless operator. Young Honeywell is the son of the late O. S. Honeywell, a prominent realty dealer who died about a year ago.

Centralla to Lay Cement Walks.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special).—The work of laying cement sidewalks in the town is well advanced.

THE public preference for Goodyear Tires affects alike all parts of America, as shown by our recent tire census in 71 centers. The grand average of Goodyears was 21 per cent—and this with close to 200 brands of tires on the market. This Goodyear preference is built upon the bed-rock of public satisfaction—the individual experience of the average man, who has found that Goodyear Tires go farther, last longer, and so cost him less in the end.