

# PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT CENTER OF PROSPERITY

**F. W. Angus, Hood River Fruit Grower, Says District Will Enjoy Great Prosperity During Coming Season.**

F. W. Angus, a prominent Hood River fruit grower and senior member of the firm of Mac Rae & Angus, having offices at 432 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, and in Hood River, stated to a Journal representative last week that the outlook had never been so bright in that district as it is at present. Both members of this firm are most optimistic and feel that land values can go many times higher than they are at present, and yet be on a perfectly legitimate basis.

"The daily papers give us echoes of hard times and financial stringency," said Mr. Angus, "but we have not felt any ill effects from such conditions here, and do not expect to. In fact the so-called panic has had the contrary effect, and the public is instinctively turning back to the soil. The average citizen realizes that an unincumbered orchard or farm will mean a support to him at any time, and the thinking man has figured out that the enormous returns out of these lands far exceed the income he can derive from any commercial business. An investment in high class, productive fruit land is always sure and more profitable than fluctuating securities or city properties.

**Lands Reasonable.**

"Our land values here in Hood River," continued Mr. Angus, "are comparatively low when the enormous productive qualities of this land is considered. For instance, a bearing orchard which will net per acre 10 per cent on \$6,000 to \$10,000 cannot be held high at the price of \$1,000 to \$1,500—all that is asked for such property now. Many of our orchardists are not getting such figures, and the large acreage of fine young orchard just coming into bearing will in all probability exceed these figures, as the trees have been planted and cultivated on a more scientific scale. Any man or woman who will buy first class land in this valley and put it into orchard in the right way—there is just as much science in preparing the ground and planting young trees as there is in the more advanced stages of fruit culture—will undoubtedly make an independent fortune. This does not apply to neglected orchards or careless work, but to up to date, scientific culture, and there is sure success for the careful, intelligent orchardist.

"We have a bumper crop this season, and judging from the fact that so many outside fruit districts have been seriously injured this spring by late frosts and storms the bumper prices of last season will again be attained. The year production prospects and those who are always talking about slumps in prices will have to wait a few years longer, I guess.

"There are still 35,000 or 40,000 acres of fine orchard land in this valley with opportunity for both rich and poor, and there is a special inducement for the homemaker to enter this well established horticultural field. Hood River has set a high standard in fruit culture, and is rigidly adhering to it, and the reputation it has achieved in the markets of the world is the appropriate certificate Oregon than any other of her good features. As Hood River and Portland interests are so closely allied and so many Portland citizens own orchards here, your city should have our interests almost as close to heart as we have ourselves. We appreciate Portland's pride in this valley, and hope for an increase and continuance of it."

## GIVES GOOD ADVICE REGARDING FORMS

J. W. Curran in presenting his Hood River valley propositions in this issue, gives some good advice about investing your own money. He advises the people to do their own investing and to reap the profits that usually go to the banks. He points out reasons why it is advisable to buy good orchard and fruit lands and emphasizes the superiority of the greatest apple belt possibly in the world. The fact that Hood River lands have never decreased in value yet and that the harvests of the district command the highest prices ever paid for fruit is attracting horticulturists from European countries who are locating rapidly. Mr. Curran's announcement will be found interesting to all concerned.

## SOME GOOD BUYS IN VALLEY LANDS

Those contemplating taking up Hood River valley orchard land should peruse Devin & Firebaugh's big list of bargains in this issue. This firm makes a specialty of valley orchards and can show some of the best in the district, ranging in sizes up to 120 acres. Their big announcement elsewhere will reveal some very attractive offers from \$2,500 to \$15,000. If you do not see anything on the list to meet your requirements call at their office and study their extensive list of orchards and orchard and fruit land in the famous Hood River valley. J. L. Firebaugh is their Hood River representative.

**This Might Well Be the Slogan of Hood River and the Beautiful Valley—Wonders of This Rich District.**

A stranger arriving at Hood River is immediately impressed with the fact that it is the center of an important fruit district. Wherever one goes in this picturesque and thrifty little town on the beautiful Columbia river he not only bears of fruit but sees and breathes the fruit spirit. In fact on approaching Hood River valley on trains nearly every one is talking fruit lands and Hood River apples is the leading topic. One hears so much of this fruit that the saliva begins to flow freely just as when you go to freshly cut lemons but under your nose. After leaving the station the very first thing to attract your attention is a fruit exposition booth along the side of the platform. This was erected by the publicity department of the Hood River Commercial club who keeps it well stocked with the products of Hood River valley, famous the world over as the greatest apple growing country in the world. Whenever two or more men congregated on the street, in stores or hotels Hood River orchard land comes in for its discussion just as naturally and as generally as the weather conditions are discussed by the ruralites who scarcely think of anything else but crops and weather.

**Great Development.**

The great development of the valley naturally develops a metropolis and the town of Hood River is progressing steadily as postoffice receipts show. The receipts of the office for the quarters ending March 31, 1907, were \$10,193.19; for the corresponding year in 1908 they increased to \$11,634.10, showing a gain of \$1,440.91. Two R. F. D. routes supply 18 families and handle over 55,000 pieces of mail monthly. The population of the town is said to be about 3,000 and supports three banks all thriving well under young, progressive management. There are two newspapers, the News-Letter being finely equipped with modern presses for newspaper and job work. The three hotels are generally well patronized by tourists and the scores of prospective purchasers of valley land. Numerous investment opportunities are being offered from Hood River, it being only 66 miles away, consuming only two hours and a half on the train along the Columbia river which provides enough mountain and river scenery to satisfy the most eager eye.

**Unlimited Power.**

With unlimited power secured from the Hood river which has an average drop of 66 feet to the mile—the town of Hood River is soliciting manufacturers and offering inducements for the establishment of woolen, cotton, paper and other mills. The commercial club is conducting a wide advertising campaign in its exploitation of the town and of the whole valley and is accomplishing much in its energetic work. Practically every business man in the town belongs to the organization, each member proving a potent factor in the great development work of the whole body.

It is said that Hood River valley fruit is marketed at the highest prices paid anywhere in the world while the harvest is still on the trees. The mere fact that an apple grown in the valley commands it as the one best Hood River apples are sought in South America, Africa, England and nearly every other country and fabulous prices are paid for them by royalty and epicures all over the world.

The population of the valley is about 6,000, the valuation of fruit products for 1907 was \$400,000; lumber output, \$750,000; taxable property, \$2,700,000; bank deposits, 1901, \$36,000; 1907, \$49,494.31. Thus in six years the deposits show the enormous increase of over \$130,000.

**Prices Are Steady.**

The opinion in some quarters that there is likely to be an over-production of apples doesn't seem to be well founded inasmuch as the prices have a tendency upward all the time. One would imagine that with the enormous production that the toothsome and tempting fruit of Eden would sell at ridiculously low prices. But such is not the case nor is it likely to be the case in years to come. Apples are in demand the whole year round and are considered essential to the principal busy men. Americans are always ready and willing to pay for the best and Hood River apples are synonymous of superiority. But the product of this valley will not depend on the domestic market for there is an ever increasing demand for it from Europe and other countries. Experiments have proven that Hood River fruit will keep perfectly in definitely in tropical climates when packed right and it can be said that the apples are handled and packed as carefully as glass. The wonderful perfection of the fruit is appreciated by horticulturists in foreign countries. Much interest is taken in the valley by Portland investors as is evidenced by the long list of prominent people who have bought orchard land. The Caldwell Dunham Investment company recently purchased 25 acres two miles from Hood River, 20 acres of which is in apples. The price paid was \$13,000. An expert

# ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

Convinced that the time was never before so opportune for investment in

## HOOD RIVER AND WHITE SALMON

Orchard lands, we have for some months had specialists busy in each district making a thorough investigation of conditions and listing the most desirable bargains. We now have by far the largest list of properties and every one a crack-a-jack buy. Do not buy in HOOD RIVER or WHITE SALMON without seeing us

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fruit man from Wenatchee has been engaged to manage it. Through the same firm a Chicago syndicate composed of wealthy professional and business men bought 230 acres of partly improved land and a big crew of men are now at work on it under the management of an experienced fruit man sent out from Chicago. This big tract is on the Mount Hood road eight miles from Hood River. The consideration for this was \$20,000.

**Better Fruit.** An excellent monthly magazine published at Hood River by H. Shepard in the interests of Hood River valley—and incidentally his own—devoted much space in its March issue to the resources and possibilities of the district. This number should be read by all interested in orchard lands.

## SWAM OUT TO SEA.

**Took This Means of Giving His Pursuers the Slip.**

From the Kennecott Journal.

A monster bull moose that has been loafing around the Saco Ferry district this month became frightened at dogs early in the week and swam out to sea never more to return.

It is believed by George Peterson of the Ferry, who was watching the moose when he took to the Atlantic, that the animal became exhausted and was drowned. Monday the moose was seen by William Edgcomb and sons. Several cubs were chasing the king of the forest and kept close to him. When the monster beast would come to a fence he would lift it up with his horns and throw it to one side. The powerful animal threw aside barricades of every kind and fled through the Ferry community to the sea.

At Bay View the dogs were at his heels and he took to the salt water. The ferry resident watched the animal till he disappeared from view, and though he waited for hours the moose did not return.

## RECLAIMING DESERT.

**Great Irrigation Works to Be Built by Germans in Asia Minor.**

From the New York Sun.

The Anatolian Railroad company, the German corporation that is building the railroad across Asia Minor to Bagdad, entered into a contract last November with the Turkish government to irrigate a part of the Great Salt Desert, whose southern border is skirted by the railroad.

This edge of the desert is nearly 200 miles from the northeastern corner of the Mediterranean. It was once the bottom of the sea and its floor is strewn with saline incrustations, but it has been found that the soil may be freshened and turned into the best of farming lands. Not a spear of grass grows on it now, and neither the Greeks

nor the Romans nor the Turks ever built a road across it.

The contract for turning the southwestern part of this bare, waterless plain into a fruitful garden has been let to a Frankfurt firm and the construction plant is now being sent to Asia Minor, where the work will begin this spring. The contractors agree to complete the work in five years.

The estimated cost is about \$5,000,000. The funds are to be supplied by the railroad company, the government paying 5 per cent interest and agreeing to write out the debt in 35 years.

The reclaimed area, embracing about 150,000 acres, will touch the northern edge of the town of Konia, famous in ancient history as Iconium and long the capital of the Turks while they were pushing their triumphant way to the

part of Europe they now occupy. It is a decayed place, interesting only for its mediæval and ancient remains, among which are the mosques of the Turks, remarkable for their exquisite arabesque and enamel work.

It is the terminus of the German railroad from the Bosphorus and the starting point of the extension to Bagdad which is now being built. It is expected again to become a flourishing city.

Among the mountains about 60 miles west of Konia is the large Lake Beysehir, and it has been ascertained that this lake can provide 200,000,000 cubic meters of water a year for the thorough irrigation of the area to be reclaimed. This water is to be led to the desert through an artificial channel and distributed by hundreds of

small canals, following closely the Egyptian system of irrigation.

It is proposed to devote the area largely to wheat raising, and the Germans estimate that the amount of wheat that can be grown every year will fill 20,000 freight cars. Their chief object in proposing this costly project was to create business for their road. As for the Turkish government, the obvious advantages of the reclamation project led it eagerly to accept the proposition.

It expects to secure a very desirable source of wheat for the supply of its army. The reclaimed land will also yield a large sum in taxes, so dear to the heart of the Turkish official, but the greatest blessing that the government expects to derive from the enterprise is that every influence which in-

creases the business receipts of the railroad company lessens the liability of the government, which, to secure the building of the road, guaranteed to make up any deficit in the receipts below 17,000 francs for every kilometer of the track.

The great oasis in the desert will have sufficient outlet for its products, as trains will take them to the Bosphorus and also to the port of Mersina on the branch of the Bagdad road which the Germans are to build from Adana to that port.

Vast parts of poverty stricken Asia Minor are naturally among the most favored regions of the world, and it is interesting to see that western ideas are beginning to fit that country for its proper place as a source of food for many millions of people.

# HOOD

The Hood River Standard of Quality

In fruit production has made Oregon famous throughout the civilized world. The very name of Hood River is talismanic.

Be wise and invest in an established locality; one that is known throughout the markets of the world.

## Don't Wait Two Years

and say "I wish I had bought in Hood River Valley before land got so high"—buy now while prices are right. It is a fact that good bearing orchards in

## HOOD RIVER VALLEY

Pay 10 per cent on a valuation of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per acre. This considered are they not very cheap at the present prices, \$1,000 to \$1,500?

We can sell you uncleared land from

**\$50 TO \$250 PER ACRE**

Which will yield just such returns when in orchard. It stands to reason that these prices will advance as the land is put into orchards throughout the valley.

# RIVER

Largest Bearing Orchard in the Valley

Which can be bought is on our list and will produce an independent income for any man.

Fruit lands are being taken up by wise investors and fruit growers rapidly and it stands to reason that prices will not long remain at this figure.

## INVESTIGATE THIS UNUSUAL CHANCE

Inquire about our mountain bungalow, with 5 acres of ground, for \$2,000. It's near a postoffice and store and on the stage route.

We have two tracts of five acres each which we can sell for \$350 per acre—cleared, planted to first-class orchard and cultivated for five years. When it is turned over to the purchaser it will be worth \$1,000 per acre. This is an unusual chance for the busy man or woman who can't give an orchard personal attention. A sufficient bond is put up as a guarantee in this proposition.

## Fortunes Will Be Made

Capitalists who are invading Hood River valley will clean up big fortunes in the next five years, when the land will be worth many times the prevailing prices now. The large number of Portland people who are investing in this district will reveal many leading citizens who are known to be shrewd business men and financiers. Hood River has never had a crop failure.

# FRUIT

## Ideal Soil and Climate

There have been cyclones, floods and spring freezes in almost every other fruit district of the United States, but in Hood River the bumper apple and berry crop of its entire history is growing and indications are that the record breaking prices of last season will attain.

## INQUIRE ABOUT OUR MANY SMALL ORCHARDS

And partly improved tracts. It does not take a fortune to get valuable holdings in Hood River valley. Call at our office and let us tell you what a few thousand dollars accomplish wisely placed.

(Vote for Hood River County Bill)

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## Poor Man's Chance

The poor man or man of small means has a chance now to pile up for himself an independent competency by investing his money in these never-falling fruit lands. It's no chance. It is an established fact that Hood River lands pay the biggest dividends. Land will be held so high within five years' time that it will make it prohibitive for the man who has little cash to invest.

# LAND



Scene in a Hood River Orchard.