

JOSEPHINE COUNTY, SPLIT BY FERTILE VALLEYS, DEVELOPS

Great Area and Small Population Does Not Hamper the People Of Southern Oregon.

BUSINESS MEN LEAVE TODAY

Resources of Josephine Will Be Investigated by Party From Portland on Southern Trip.

Josephine county is undoubtedly one of the most progressive sections of the state for, although it contains 1154 square miles, or more than one and one half times the area of Rhode Island, it has been making an enviable reputation among the counties of Oregon with only 22,791 acres, or 2 per cent, of its total area under cultivation.

This district is extremely mountainous and practically all the farm land lies along the long narrow valleys, but so much intensified farming has been done in these places that the fame of the county has spread far to the east.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has taken particular interest in the section because of the spirit shown by the citizens to do this, and because of the interest shown by farmers of the Middle West in this particular county.

FRUIT GROWING DEVELOPED

Citizens of the county have developed a wonderful fruit industry. They have sponsored an irrigation project and recently proposed an advertising campaign to tell other residents of the United States of the wonderful resources and climate to be found in Southern Oregon.

Today a total of 125 executive heads of banking institutions, business firms and manufacturers in Portland left for the southern half of the state to get a close range idea of the resources of the various sections of the state. Grants Pass, the county seat, will be one of the particular points of interest to be visited.

When the Portland men arrive in Josephine county, their interest will not center wholly in the agricultural movement and its wonderful strides since seven years ago when a party from the northern part of the state last visited that section.

INDUSTRIES DIVERSIFIED

But interest will center in the lumbering, mining, dairying, fruit growing, livestock and other of its diversified industries. Being to a major extent a mountainous country, these industries have a large play in the development of the Queen county of the southern tier.

Because of the interest shown in the state chamber's plan to tell of the agricultural resources of the state, particular interest is being taken, however, by the citizens of other states.

There are in the county 26,050 acres of non-tiltable land, besides more than 200,000 acres of forest reserve. The non-tiltable land is rather rough, ranging from hills to mountains, a great deal of being stony and brush covered.

Fifty per cent of the tillable land is partially or wholly under cultivation. In addition to the choice valley land on which wonderful crops are being produced, there are numerous high benches which are used for farming. The lower lands of the valleys are pretty well irrigated except the Rogue River valley.

DIVIDED INTO VALLEYS

The larger farming sections are the Applegate valley, six to 12 miles south of Grants Pass in the central eastern section of the county; the Williams Creek valley, south from the Applegate district; the Illinois valley in the south central section of the county, and the Rogue River valley adjacent to Grants Pass.

All of the valley lands are copiously productive where irrigation is supplied, and the Grants Pass Irrigation district, with headquarters at Grants Pass, is now under construction and will probably have water available for the 1920 crop. This project will place 6000 additional acres under irrigation.

The principal crops grown are wheat, oats, rye, barley, corn, hay and fruit. Most of the grain grown is used for home consumption.

MANY RANGES ARE IDLE

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METHODIST WOMEN HONORED



Annual convention of Women's Foreign Missionary society concludes today highly successful annual convention. Left—Mrs. Mathew S. Hughes, re-elected president of Columbia river branch. Right—Mrs. Albert N. Fisher, who retired as corresponding secretary after 27 years of activity in the same office.

The annual convention of the Columbia river branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, which closed today, was one of the largest and most successful ever held, delegates being present from the principal cities of the Northwest and the addresses being inspiring and illuminating.

Mrs. Matthew S. Hughes, wife of Bishop Hughes, was re-elected president of the organization. An interesting feature of the session was the retirement from service of Mrs. Albert N. Fisher,

year, and this crop is being increased all the time because of its rapid growth.

Considerable of the non-tiltable land of the state affords summer range for the stock. Some of the stockmen also make use of the forest reserve as a summer range for cattle. There is room for a great many more herds in the district, many of the ranges suitable for cattle not being used at this time. Other of the ranges not suited to cattle will support thousands of sheep. There were 5057 cattle, 1256 swine, 1154 sheep and 1088 goats registered this year.

Although Josephine county is fifth in production it can claim to be among the first in variety of its resources, rivaling Jackson, Baker and Grant counties in this respect.

MINES EARN \$250,000

Gold from both placer and quartz mines, silver, copper, limestone, sandstone, granite, marble, serpentine, traces of coal and other minerals are to be found in the mountains. The total value of the mineral production in 1910 was \$250,000.

Lumbering has become one of the sources of wealth in the county which is now just being touched. There are nearly 10,000,000 feet of standing timber. Most of this is yellow and sugar pine, while there is fir, larch, cedar, spruce and manzanita. There is also black and white oak in the lower section. Of the commercial timber, 7,300,000,000 feet is under private ownership.

The Rogue river and its numerous tributaries furnish abundant supply of water for domestic and irrigation purposes. There are approximately 35,000 horsepower available for development near Grants Pass.

BIG GAME PLENTIFUL

The county attracts thousands of tourists annually, and is destined to take a steadily increasing amount of this class of business. The Josephine caves are in this county, rivaling in size the Mammoth caves of Kentucky. They are in the Siskiyou mountains in the southeastern part of the district. For all the locality in which these caves are located has been created a national park, and the labyrinth of underground passages have never been thoroughly explored. Those that have been explored contain so many picturesque chambers easily accessible that they are attracting sightseers from great distances.

Big game, including deer, bear, cougar and wildcat, are abundant. There are probably more deer and bear in the Cascade mountains in Josephine and the adjoining county of Curry than in any similar area of the United States.

Mountain streams contain game fish in great variety, and salmon fishing in the Rogue river is famous all over the country. More than 200,000 pounds of this fish are packed annually.

CLIMATE CALLED IDEAL

Living conditions in Josephine county are so pleasant that many wealthy men have retired to this section. For all the year around climate this section lays claim to being unexcelled. The average rainfall in the valleys is 33 inches. In the winter snowfalls are heavy in the mountains, but seldom stay on the ground more than a few days in the lower altitudes. The summer days are never excessively hot and the nights are always cool.

Grants Pass is the principal city, with a population of about 4000, but there are numerous smaller progressive communities. They are Brownstown, Davidson, Deering, Dryden, Galice, Golden, Grave, Holland, Hugo, Kerby, Leland, Merim, Mountain, Murphy, Placer, Selma, Speaker, Takilma, Wado, Wilderville, Williams, Winona, Wolf Creek and Wonder.

Speed Hounds Strike Evil Day Saturday In Municipal Court

Saturday was a sorry day for speedsters in the municipal court.

Patrolman Kelly told the court E. Hays was traveling 40 miles an hour on Williams avenue the night before. He pleaded not guilty. Judge Rossman fined him \$40 and sent him to jail for three days.

E. C. Speckler, who pleaded guilty to traveling 34 miles an hour on East Broadway, was fined \$20, but the court later cut the fine in half.

Other speeders who felt the hand of the law were: C. L. Rapp, 30; N. Grange, 30; W. H. Cayo, 25; Roy Eley, 17.50; B. Hecker, 17.50; R. D. Elliott, 17.50; H. W. Proctor, 17.50; A. B. Chetty, 17.50; J. Evans, 17.50; R. L. Smith, 15; E. E. King, 10; R. L. Bernard, 10; H. Graber, 20; H. W. Schlaman, 10; M. Bolin, 15; and J. J. Walker, 10.

William Jaeger was found guilty of cutting a corner at Union avenue and Beach streets and fined \$20. H. A. Schmidt also was found guilty of driving a car without proper license tags, and fined \$15.

DECKHANDS CALL OFF THEIR STRIKE ON RIVER CRAFT

Men Vote to Return to Work After Gaining Only Few of Demands They Contended For.

SERVICE TO RESUME NOW

Strike Had Involved About 200 Men and Operation of River Craft Had Been Handicapped.

With scarcely one of their points gained as a result of the 10-day walkout, members of the River Steamboat Men's union, practically admitted defeat Saturday afternoon when they voted to call off the strike and return to work as quickly as possible.

The deckhands asked for a wage increase of 10 per cent and better living conditions aboard the boats. The operators denied the raise, promised in a few instances to provide blankets for the men, a thing they have hitherto furnished themselves, and agreed to only partially recognize the union, at the same time maintaining in favor of the employment of hand.

The first two or three days of the strike saw river transportation seriously interfered with, but nonunion crews were assembled, and the last few days saw fairly regular service maintained on all lines.

The deckhands receive \$70 a month on the general freight carriers and \$75 a month on the paper boats, in addition to meals and quarters.

COMPROMISE IS MADE

Union officials said that a promise of recognition had been secured from the operators. The latter, however, say that no such a promise was made. The operators assert, moreover, that the strikers will be given work only as the men who took their places quit, and that no discrimination in favor of union men will be made. The operators, however, did promise to call the union secretary whenever men are needed, before making efforts to secure hands through other agencies.

Whatever the fine points of the situation may be, the strike was declared off, following the union meeting in the hall on Yamhill street, the pickets were called in and such boats as moved Saturday night carried fairly full crews.

QUEEN MAY RESUME RUN

This means that the Harvest Queen will probably go back into service in a day or two. The Queen is operated on the Astoria run, between Portland and Astoria, by the railroad administration as a unit of the Union Pacific system.

When the strike was ordered, the operators of the line closed the shop so far as the Queen was concerned, so that no possible labor complication could arise, and announced that the spacious liner would not try a wheel until the labor history cleared.

Sensing victory for the operators last week, agents for the Queen said she would be operating this week and she probably will leave down again Monday night.

This situation leaves the Harkins transportation company in something of a hole. The Union broke a cylinder Friday night and that steamer is out of commission for about three weeks while new engines are set. The Harkins company planned to borrow the Queen for a while to take the Union's place on the alternate night run to Astoria.

Now that the strike is over, the Queen will be operating on her own line and the running mate of the Lurline has not yet been selected. It is possible, though, Captain F. E. Ford says, that the one will be put on the run.

Members of the steamboat men's union Saturday declared that the strike was off only as far as the Western Transportation company and the Harkins Transportation company were concerned, but that the men would go back to work on all the lines. The point of assistance was explained to the effect that the two companies above mentioned had consented to confer with the union while the other companies would have nothing to do with the union. Thus the scant fruits of victory secured from the above named companies were denied the union by the others.

The strike involved about 200 men.

HUNS START AN OFFENSIVE IN BALTIC

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necessary to ask the consent of congress to send American troops to the scene and the authorization of congress is regarded as doubtful.

The allies evidently have not succeeded in inducing Germany to evacuate the Baltic provinces. The consternation of the allies over the news that a military alliance has been formed between the soldiers of General von der Goltz, Germany's commanding officer in the provinces, and the Russians is matched by similar surprise here. It is not known precisely who the Russians are, but the authorities in the state department believe that they are really Germans of the old landstock or country squires who had settled in the provinces and have determined to seize them rather than suffer the most radical elements of the Bolsheviks to overrun them.

It is pointed out here as quite likely that many elements in the state department would naturally fit to the assistance of the old junkers and that the Kolchak government would gladly see them attack the radical Bolsheviks.

SECRET GOVERNMENT GUIDES

VON DER GOLTZ, SAYS REPORT

By M. Wendenagelski, Former Minister of War of Russia Under the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Paris, Oct. 11.—It is a fact of the gravest import of which the world is ignorant that the Bolshevik government in the Baltic provinces are actuated from behind the scenes by a veritable secret government whose secret capital is Russia, as well as the German provinces.

This mysterious ministry is financed and supported by the German government with the understanding that once it succeeds in downing Bolshevism, it will attack the Kolchak forces, after which Russia will be given over to German domination. It has assumed the pompous title, "The Government of Western Russia."

The combine engineering this coup from Berlin numbers three former members of the duma, Wurts, Denitchenko and Tomar, as well as Generals Skoropadsky and Biskupsky.

VON DER GOLTZ SENDS ULTIMATUM TO ESTHONIANS
London, Oct. 11.—An ultimatum has been sent to the Esthonian government by General von der Goltz, the German commander in the Baltic provinces, demanding free passage for his army to relieve the Bolshevik forces at Petrograd according to a Helsingfors dispatch to the Daily Express.

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Other commercial organizations on the Pacific coast are in favor of this measure and the Portland chamber particularly so because of the handicap to the coast guard at the mouth of the Columbia river.

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Christ couldn't hold a meeting there, and I think he was right."
INJUSTICE IS PREACHED
"Isn't it a fact that Bolshevism, I. W. W.-ism, Socialism and all the other un-American doctrines that are promulgated are increased and developed greatly through the belief of the men that unjust laws are passed against them and that public officials don't give them a square deal?" Senator Walsh of Massachusetts asked.
"Absolutely," Brown answered. "There is a popular belief among men in the steel district that the long arm of the steel trust heads them off when they start to improve their condition."
The small courtroom where the senators heard the testimony was packed with strikers and labor leaders. Senator McKellar asked why the strike was not delayed at the request of the president until after the industrial conference.
"We didn't insist on the strike," Brown replied. "It was the men who wanted it."

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