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WOULD LAY OUT FRUIT TRACTS

TO COLONIZE THEM WITH EASTERN PEOPLE

The Project is Now Before the Commercial Club of Independence and Its Magnitude as an Advertisement for County Dawns on People.

A special meeting of the commercial club was held Friday evening for the purpose of considering the proposition of W. A. Albin, president of the Security Land and Investment Co. of Portland, Oregon. The proposition attempts to interest the citizens of this section in the development and colonization of a thousand acres of fruit land near the city.

The meeting was fairly well attended, there being thirty or forty members present all of whom exhibited interest in the proposition as laid before them by Mr. Albin, which, summarized, is about as follows:

To plant, cultivate, and colonize one thousand acres of commercial orchards within the vicinity of Independence.

To subdivide in five and ten acre tracts, and sell to eastern farmers and orchardists.

To have the citizens co-operate with the company in this enterprise in the purchase of profit-sharing stock to the extent of \$30,000.

To operate for a period of four years in the vicinity, putting a thousand acres on the market each year, if the above sum is subscribed and at least 50 per cent available by October 1, 1909.

While there was not a very large attendance at the meeting of the Commercial Club Tuesday evening those present were very enthusiastic over the proposition as laid before them by W. A. Albin at the special meeting, with a view of interesting the members of the club and the citizens of Independence and vicinity to co-operate with the company in the development and colonization of a thousand acres of fruit land near the city.

Dr. Butler, president of the club, stated that owing to the fact that so many of the capitalists of the city and vicinity were largely interested in the hop industry in this section, which had not been very profitable for the past few years, he found it a difficult matter to get them interested in the proposition at this particular season of the year, but from the conversation with those whom he had approached upon the subject he felt confident that later on in the season—after the crop had been harvested—it would be an easy matter to finance the proposition along the lines as explained by Mr. Albin.

Some of the members who had volunteered to interest the citizens in the project, stated that they had met considerable opposition on account of the fact that the tract proposed to be colonized, which is in the vicinity of Parkers, about seven miles south of Independence, was too far from the city, and it seemed to be the general opinion that it would be only a short time before another town would be started in the neighborhood of the colonization, which would have a tendency to take business away from Independence rather than increase it.

Mr. Hirschberg, who was very enthusiastic over the proposition, stated that he felt sure that the company whose plans are broad and complete could secure the tract of land recently acquired by Benton Bowers, a capitalist of Ashland, E. V. Carter, cashier of the same bank, of Ashland, and Wm. Addison of this city, which is located about two and a half miles south of town and containing in the neighborhood of 1100 acres. This land, he explained, had been purchased by these gentlemen with a view of setting it out to fruit, it being particularly adapted for the purpose, having the natural north slope essential for the successful cultivation of a fruit farm. While it had been fully demonstrated that fruit could be raised successfully in almost any section of Polk county, it has been proven that a north hill side is better adapted than any other. He was of the further opinion that the gen-

tleman could be induced to take in the company as it would reduce them of the preliminary work entailed in cultivating a young orchard.

Others present were of the same opinion as Mr. Hirschberg, and a strong sentiment was expressed by those present that in the event of Mr. Albin's company being successful in securing the land referred to that but little difficulty would be experienced in securing the capital necessary to make a success of the undertaking.

Dr. Butler, H. Hirschberg, W. T. Hoffman, D. A. Hodge and J. L. Hanna were appointed a committee to advise Mr. Albin and Mr. Simon of the action of the club.

After the club had adjourned Mr. Albin and Mr. Simon were telephoned for and Dr. Butler and Mr. Hirschberg, acting as spokesmen for the committee, laid the matter fully before the gentlemen, and it was very gratifying to know that the counter proposition of the club met with their hearty approval, and as a consequence the matter is now being placed before Messrs. Bowers, Carter and Addison by the members of the committee as well as by the representatives of the Security Land & Investment Co.

It would be a difficult matter to estimate the value of an undertaking of that character to this particular section, and in fact the entire county of Polk.

Lane county has offered inducements to the company to operate in the vicinity of Eugene. Albany is also very anxious that they should operate in the vicinity of that city and the people there are willing to assist in any manner that the company may suggest, and it has been stated, on good authority, that the entire amount of stock necessary to availing the first colonization of the company could be raised in a very short time.

Fortunately for Polk county W. F. Simon, who is well and favorably known in Independence, happens to

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SURPRISE HIM ON BIRTHDAY

Sherman Hays, manager of the Rose hop yard, east of Independence, was given a very pleasant surprise last Sunday by a few of his friends, the occasion in honor of his 42nd birthday. The surprise was in the shape of a banquet given him at the Hotel Independence by Jesse Whiteaker, S. E. Owen, Clyde Williams and Moss Walker, mine host of the hotel. The menu, which included oysters, spring chicken and all the essentials necessary to complete a successful birthday dinner, was served in eight courses. It was one of the most elaborate affairs that has been given in the city for many a day and the event was one long to be remembered by those participating, especially Mr. and Mrs. Hays to whom it came as a complete surprise, they having entirely overlooked the fact that Sunday was Sherman's birthday. Usually Mr. and Mrs. Hays take their Sunday dinner at the hotel, and it being no uncommon occurrence for them to meet their hosts at the dinner table, on that occasion no suspicion was attached to the fact that they all dropped in to the hotel about the same time, and, not until they were seated at the table and Mr. Hays was presented with a box of cigars did he realize that there was something doing.

Those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whiteaker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owen, Miss Nola Owen and Moss Walker.

By unanimous consent Mr. Hays was made toast master and all who know him will bear us out in the statement that he was fully equal to the occasion.

Tortured on a Horse

"For ten years I could not ride a horse without being in torture from the piles," writes L. S. Napier of Rugless, Ky. "when all doctors and other remedies failed, Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured me." Infallible for Piles, Burns, Cuts, Scalds, Boils, Fever - Sores, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Corns. 25c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

FAVORABLE TO THIS LOCALITY

COUNTY ADMIRABLY ADAPTED TO FRUIT CULTURE

Portland Capitalists Visit This Section With View of Purchasing One Thousand Acres Land to Subdivide into Five and Ten Acre Tracts.

Through the courtesy of H. Hirschberg, who is very enthusiastic over the project, a representative of the Enterprise accompanied Messrs. Albin and Simon on a tour of inspection of the property under consideration by the commercial club of Wednesday morning, it having been Mr. Hirschberg's intention to have accompanied the party in person but owing to some business which came up on that morning, demanding his attention, it was impossible for him to go. He, therefore arranged for Mr. Dawes, of the Chas. E. Hicks Real Estate Co. to take the party out in his automobile.

Both Mr. Albin and Mr. Simon were more than pleased with the soil and location of the tract cited by Mr. Hirschberg and feel confident that, with the assistance of the commercial club, the property can be secured on terms that will prove advantageous to all concerned.

In order that the readers of the Enterprise may be more fully acquainted with the objects and the nature of the company that is promoting the project, the following interview was secured from Mr. Albin, in which he sets forth fully the aims and objects of the company of which he is the president.

"The company was organized under the state laws of Oregon, May 25, 1909, with a capital stock of \$200,000, par value of shares of \$100 each.

"The officers of the company are: W. A. Albin, president; W. B. Clark, vice-president; and A. E. Swanson, secretary.

"The purposes of the company is buying, selling, leasing and improving land, territories and laying out platting subdivisions of same. Also farming, planting, tilling the soil, operating farms, ranches, etc.

In answer to the query as to the present objects of the company, Mr. Albin stated:

"The present plans of the company are the purchase of 1000 acres of fruit land each year for a period of five years, planting and improving the same, sub-dividing into five and ten acre tracts and colonizing the same with eastern people. The promotion of the project of the company is an investment for the stockholders.

"The possibilities of an investment runs from ten to forty per cent per annum. The safety of the proposition is that the land is sold on the installment plan the title remaining with the company until it is fully paid for.

"It is the intention of the company to confine its operations to the Willamette valley as it is better adapted to the raising of fruit than other portions of the state, with the possible exception of the Hood river and Rogue river valleys. The land is sold on the basis of 25 per cent down, the balance being divided into three equal payments, payable at the end of each year. At the end of the fourth year the company will have 3000 acres of land under various stages of improvement, from one to three years.

"The purchasers of stock may, at the end of the third year exchange his stock at par value for land under improvement.

"It will be readily seen that the establishment of 1000 acres of fruit land in your immediate vicinity will mean an increase in population to the county of at least 5000 people by the time it is fully colonized and at the end of a few years it will make Polk county famous for its fruit."

Both of the gentlemen are very enthusiastic over this section, and while they have had flattering offers from commercial bodies of Salem, Albany and Eugene, they are very favorably impressed with this section, for the reason that the climate, soil and other conditions are better adapted

to the raising of fruit than the other localities.

Now that such representative men as H. Hirschberg, Dr. Butler, W. T. Hoffman, Hanna Bros., and others are becoming interested there is little doubt that the project will soon be among the successes that we hope to chronicle to the efforts of the commercial club from this time on.

BID THEM GOODBYE

Rickreall Friends Delightfully Entertain Departing Guests

At the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Metzler, near Rickreall, Oregon, a farewell party was given July 16th to their nieces, Misses Lenora and Clara Klemme, of St. Louis, Missouri, who has been visiting with them since June 1.

Those present were Mrs. Wm. Riddell, Mrs. John Orr, Mrs. Hartley Mulkey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Metzler, the Misses Lenora and Clara Klemme, Hazel and Mabel Lorence, Hallie, Nelle and La Verne Gibson, Christina and Minnie Clow, Stella Black and Blanch Mulkey and Ada Longnecker and Mr. Phillippi.

Cards and other games were indulged in and at the conclusion of the festivities dainty refreshments were served.

After attending the A-Y-P. at Seattle the Misses Klemme will stop a few weeks in Vancouver, B. C. They have made many friends while here by their charming manner and their Oregon friends all wish them a pleasant journey and safe return home.

R. W. Wyant, a farm hand who has been working in this vicinity, was arrested Saturday for discharging fire arms within the city limits. It appears that he was on his way home from Salem where he had imbibed too much christian fortitude, and when in the vicinity of the ferry commenced shooting into the river with the result that he had some of the mill employs looking for a safe place behind the logs. Monday he was given a light fine and he went on his way rejoicing.

DOINGS OF THE CITY FATHERS

The council met in regular session with Councilman Hoffman in the chair and all the councilmen, city recorder and city marshal present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Councilman Hubbard, chairman of the committee on fire and water, which committee has in hand the work of putting a new roof on the city hall, stated that he had received two bids for going the work, as follows: R. M. Wade & Co., whose bid included the painting of the under side only is as follows:

20 lb coating roofing tin painted on under side put on city hall at	\$7 65
30 lb coating roofing tin painted on under side put on city hall at	8 10
Workmanship and material guaranteed to be as represented.	
Steiner & Berger of Salem bid as follows:	
40 lb standing seam coating tin painted on under side before laid guaranteed for 15 years	\$10 00
30 lb standing seam coating tin painted on under side before laid, guaranteed for 10 years	9 00
20 lb standing seam coating tin painted on under side before laid, guaranteed for 10 years	8 00
Guarantee covers a period of 15 years on 40 lb tin provided it is painted once every three years. Cheaper material is guaranteed for only 10 years.	

After the usual discussion on motion of Councilman Hubbard, seconded by Councilman Mix, the bid of Wade & Co. was to be accepted, if they would put on a standing seam and give ten years guarantee for 30 lb tin, otherwise the bid of the Salem firm was to be accepted.

Under the head of new business Councilman Hanna turned over to the city the deeds for the eight feet from the west end of the lots of Mrs. Garrigus on Main street which she

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We're Closing Out Odds and Ends and Broken Lots in All Departments at Greatly Reduced Prices

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A big line of Men's high grade worsted Spring Suits at

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These are choice Spring patterns of the latest style.

Every Tan Shoe and Tan Oxford in the house

REDUCED 20 PER CENT

All sizes for men, women and children.

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at 75c per yard, reduced from our \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.40 lines

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FARMS FOR SALE

102 acres, one mile from town; 45 acres under cultivation; orchard; dug well; 25 acres timber, balance pasture; new modern 7-room house and good barn and fences. Terms. Price \$3800.

277 acres 10 miles from Independence 150 acres in cultivation. This is another of the good buys. Will sell at \$50 an acre.

324 acres 4 miles from Monmouth, 1 1/2 from railroad; 160 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. A good buy. \$30 an acre.

160 acres, within mile of town and railroad. A1 piece of land and fine country home. Rich sandy loam soil. Good improvements. Price \$15,500.

235 acres, almost all in cultivation at \$40 an acre.

See Us for City Residences

12 room house and basement, barn, chicken houses, windmill and tanks, water system throughout. Dwelling is modern, with patent toilet, bath, laundry in basement, septic tank, etc. Range goes with property. Nothing better in Independence. \$4000.

9-room house and 2 lots in Monmouth desirable location, good improvements. Price \$1500.

An acre of land and 6-room house; good improvements, lumber on the ground for barn and other improvements and goes with place at \$750. Look this up.

CHAS. E. HICKS REAL ESTATE CO.