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REGION GROWS FAST.

Southern Oregon is Rapidly Developing Varied Industries.

Grants Pass—That Southern Oregon, with its varied resources, is making greater strides than any other section of the state, is the belief of H. L. Herzinger, a member of the city council of Grants Pass. Fruit-raising, alfalfa growing and mining are some of the chief resources, which are being developed rapidly. With a large amount of foreign capital being attracted to the district, the City of Grants Pass is feeling the effect of the development of the surrounding country and a large municipal improvement programme is being contemplated, declared Mr. Herzinger.

Mr. Herzinger has been in Grants Pass more than four years and in that time has seen Josephine county grow from a sparsely settled district into a prosperous community.

"The Rogue River Valley, in which Grants Pass is the center, has become famous for its pears, grapes and apples," said Mr. Herzinger. "Development along this line is just in its infancy. The people of Grants Pass and vicinity have raised funds for the construction of a concrete dam across the Rogue River three miles above the city. Water will be stored by this dam to supply water to irrigate 50,000 acres of fertile fruit land on either side of the river above and below Grants Pass. This large area will be utilized for the growing of fruits.

"The people of the community demonstrated that they were wide-awake when they subscribed in two hours \$70,000 for the construction of the railroad from Grants Pass to the famous marble caves. This group of caves forms one of the natural wonders of Oregon. The railroad will tap one of the finest timber belts in the state and will supply transportation to the alfalfa districts along the Applegate and Williams rivers.

"In addition to the horticultural resources of Josephine county, mining development is going ahead on a large scale. The Higgins and Anderson strikes in the old Kirby districts on the Illinois river are causing much excitement. These properties seem to be alive with precious metal. I believe if they were remote from transportation and difficult of access, we would have a stampede to the camp. But, it seems, they are too near home to cause a rush. Mining experts believe that some of the newly discovered claims bear tin ore in paying quantities."

LEAGUE TO DEVELOP LAKE.

Local Clubs to Be Organized; Land Still Open to Entry.

Lakeview—The Lake county development league is the name of the new organization that succeeds the Lakeview board of trade and which will bend its energies toward development of the entire county and peopling the large areas of government lands open to homestead and other entry. The new organization is composed of representative citizens of Lakeview and it will be their endeavor to interest citizens of the other portions of the county. It is believed that with the coming of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, which will be at Lakeview this year, and the contemplated completion of lines into the north end of the county, Lake will receive a great impetus.

Goose Lake valley has 100,000 acres of fertile land awaiting the plow, some of which can be homesteaded. Warner Valley has 200,000 acres of tillable lands and some homesteads. Chewaucan valley has 75,000 acres and some homestead lands. Summer Lake valley has 50,000 acres of land that may be irrigated from artesian wells struck at depths of from 122 to 250 feet, and nearly all of which can be homesteaded. Christmas Lake valley has 350,000 acres, some of which can be homesteaded. Horse Mountain valley has 75,000 acres, nearly all open to entry. Edith valley has 75,000 acres, half of it under the 320-acre homestead act. Silver Lake valley has 50,000 acres, 30,000 acres of which is open to entry. Many other smaller valleys present homes for the homeless.

The members of the new organization will visit every precinct in the county and organize local development clubs to co-operate with the parent organization and work to the development of their sections. This undertaking is not a small matter in a county of this size.

Washroom Made Office.

Salem—So cramped for room is the capitol that Secretary of State Olcott has assigned the new purchasing agent, C. D. Frazer, of Portland, quarters in the wash and cloak room in the rear of the senate chamber. Mr. Frazer is flanked on one side by the state architect's office, and on the other by the office of the State agricultural board, and to get out he has to pass through one of these offices.

Water Turned Into Canal.

West Stayton—Water was put into the first mile of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company's canal Monday. Everything was satisfactory and while work has been stopped temporarily on account of the inclemency of the weather, only a few more weeks' work will complete the canal to West Stayton.

PRUNE RETURNS BRIGHT.

Willamette Valley Fruitmen Discuss Conditions.

Salem—Members of the pool of the Willamette Valley Prunegrowers' association met Wednesday in this city, a good representation of the principal growers of this section being present to consider market and crop conditions of the prunes of this section.

A full report of the market conditions of the world was presented by the management, showing the prospects to be good for the marketing of the present growing crop. Letters from representatives in the principal fruitgrowing sections of Europe were read. These reports indicate that the stocks of dried fruit there are light. Reports from the large centers of this country, are along the same line. A late report from California was read which indicates the outside estimate of the prune crop there to be 125,000,000.

This is considerably less than the estimate of two weeks ago. A general canvass of the growers in regard to the local prune crop now growing, showed various estimates from 40 to 75 per cent of a full crop, or an outside average of 60 per cent. The hill orchards of this section, where usually the largest crops of prunes are obtained, are showing light this season, the main crops being on the lower land and these are spotted. But with a medium crop and good prices indications are the crop will show much better returns than is generally received from the larger crops, owing to the increased value of the large sized fruit.

PRISON CONTRACT MADE.

Stove Foundry May Use But 200 Convict Workers.

Salem—After several weeks of disagreement the differences between Governor West and Loewenberg, Goring & Co. have finally been settled and a new contract drawn up between the company and the state. Under the new contract the company has a limit of 200 men who may be employed in the stove foundry at the state penitentiary.

Under the old contract it was possible for the company to use all of the men in the prison excepting those necessary for the state to use about the buildings. Under the new plan the governor will be able to requisition all of the extra convicts for road work.

The working time has also been cut from a ten-hour day to a nine-hour day, and provision is made in the contract that the company must provide space in its buildings for lavatories and baths so that the men will be clean when they attend their meals. A number of minor changes have been made as well, relating to fire protection and incidental matters in connection with the shops.

The only bone of contention remaining is as to payment for 14 convicts who have been employed daily around the shops without remuneration to the state. The governor has insisted on payment for these, while the company refuses, asserting there has been a distinct understanding that the men were to be used in caring for the shops and keeping them in shape for the benefit of the state and it is declared that no money will ever be paid for them unless the state sues and successfully recovers.

Berries Late But Good.

Hood River—A year ago Thursday the Hood River Fruitgrowers' union shipped the first carload of strawberries for the season. The cool weather of the past two weeks this year, however, has held the crop back, and it is probable that no extensive shipments will be made until June 1. Despite this fact berry pickers are beginning to arrive and pitch their tents on the river flats below the city.

The Hood River crop this season will be of fine quality. Estimates of the crop run from 60,000 to 75,000 crates.

Farm Has Electric Plant.

Pendleton—Installing an individual electric light and power plant, Spencer M. Bentley, a prominent wheatgrower six miles north of Pendleton, has supplied his place with most modern farm equipment. A ten-horse power gasoline engine generates an ample supply of electricity. Forty lights supply the illumination needed for dwelling, barns and sheds, while conveniently-arranged motors pump his water, cut his feed, saw his wood, turn the grindstone and run all the other farm machinery.

Wool Scouring is Begun.

Echo—With both the large mill warehouses full to overflowing and thousands of pounds of wool stacked on the platforms, the plant of the Echo scouring mills has started on the season's run. The run promises to be longer than usual, for the reason that in addition to the half million pounds grown and sheared in this vicinity, many clips are being shipped in from the outside. Three carloads have just arrived from Arlington.

Joint Bridge Refused.

Baker—It was announced by County Judge Basche that the county court of Baker county would not make the appropriation of \$10,000 for the Oregon-Idaho bridge across the Snake river at Brownlee. This means that the bridge will not be built, as the appropriation of \$10,000 each by the legislatures of Oregon and Idaho was provisional upon a like appropriation by this county.

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