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PROFITS IN BERRY CULTURE.

Farmers in Josephine county have a soil and climate unequalled in the west for the production of small fruits. Experience in other valleys—particularly the Hood river valley in Oregon and the Puycallup valley in Washington—shows that no crop is more certain or profitable than the various kinds of raspberries, blackberries and strawberries. With proper care and attention, after the second year, raspberries and blackberries will yield from 200 to 400 crates to the acre, worth from \$1 to \$1.75 per crate. The cost of cultivation is small, while the cost of picking and crating does not exceed 35 cents per crate.

In soil fertility the Rogue river, Applegate, Illinois and other valleys of Josephine county are fully equal to the Hood river or Puycallup, while the climatic conditions here are immeasurably superior. With a rich sandy loam and with but few degrees of frost even in the coldest weather there is no reason why our farmers should not reap the benefit of the splendid opportunity that is theirs.

The growing of these fruits has been tried here and in every instance where reasonable care has been bestowed upon them the results have been most satisfactory. In size and flavor they equal or surpass the best berries grown in other sections of the West. But their cultivation has been limited. It is a rare thing to find a farmer in these valleys with more than a small patch, or some vines growing along his garden fence. His main aim in berry culture seems to be to supply sufficient for home use, with possibly a few to sell in the local markets; and to these vines he usually gives but indifferent attention.

That is not berry culture in the sense we mean it. The field is here and the market for the fruit comprises the United States and beyond the Mississippi river. The point we make will best be understood by reference to other valleys where the cultivation of berries is a regular business.

In the Puycallup valley a local fruitgrowers' association has been formed with a membership of over 400. Each member cultivates from one to 30 acres of berries. A manager employed by the association, receives and grades the crates of berries and ships to the Eastern market in refrigerated carload lots. These berries go to the Rocky mountain states, to the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Manitoba and as far East as Chicago, arriving there in the marketable condition. Last season the Puycallup valley growers shipped 65,000 crates of red raspberries and 350,000 crates of blackberries to the eastern market, besides 15,000 crates of strawberries, currants and other small fruits. The raspberries netted the grower \$1.18 and the blackberries \$1.00 per crate, clear of all expense. In addition to their shipments, these growers also supplied the local markets of Seattle and Tacoma, and the Alaska trade. In the Hood river valley a similar growers' association exists and shipments are made in carload lots to all parts of the country, giving net returns to the grower of from \$20 to \$400 per acre.

What has been done in those valleys can be done in the valleys of Josephine county, and with better yield and greater profit because a kindly nature gives the farmer here more favorable conditions. If the farmer will make berry culture a business—set out several acres of canes and cultivate them with the same care he does his other crops—he can reap a rich and certain reward. He will

readily find a market at good prices because the demand far exceeds the supply in all parts of the country. In growing these fruits he will add largely to his income and prosperity and the general wealth of the community.

The past season has witnessed and the coming season will witness a development of the resources of Josephine county that has not been equaled in the last score of years. On mountain and in valley men of energy and enterprise are battling down the border land. The mountains, gemmed with gold, are yielding their treasures at many points, giving employment to hundreds of men, creating profitable markets and placing the county in the front rank of all Oregon counties for its production of mineral wealth. The valleys, rich in climate and soil, are pouring from their fertile acres the multiplied products of the farm, adding to the general wealth and extending the cultivated area year by year. With the wand of endeavor the people are developing industries and natural opportunities, correlating for the benefit of mankind the many and incomparable resources that are to be found in Josephine county.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE NEEDED
In advocating the establishment of a daily mail route from Grants Pass to Kuhl the Courier has not, and does not, favor its being done to the detriment of any other section. The report that such a route would mean the abandonment of the present daily mail service to Provoit and Williams is entirely without foundation. Those offices are centers of populous and thriving farming communities; they are a necessity and the abolition of their daily mail service would work a wholly undeserved hardship upon one of the best portions of Josephine county.

But the service to Provoit and Williams is in no danger of being discontinued or curtailed. It will be continued daily as in the past. Any effort to interfere with it would meet with determined opposition from this newspaper, from the people of Grants Pass and from the residents along the route. Our many friends in that section can rest assured that no effort is being made, or has been made to deprive them of a service to which they are so justly entitled.

The people here and the people there are interested in securing their route and it ought to be secured. It will be a benefit to all concerned, just as the daily service to Williams is a benefit; and in getting it no one will be injured, no matter on what other route he may reside.

GRANITE HILL

Mr. Farley has been on the sick list for the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Westman came out Saturday and are visiting relatives.
The lumber is being sawed for the new lodging house, which is to be erected here.
A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Springer, who are going to leave on Wednesday.
G. Erie who was seriously hurt in the mine was taken to town for treatment Tuesday morning.
Louise Birdsell was out from Grants Pass visiting the Misses Hill Friday evening and returned Saturday.
Rock Drilling Challenge.
S. L. Saudry and Joe Siligo will meet any team in a rock drilling contest for a purse of \$100 or \$200 that may accept. The contest will be held in Grants Pass any time in December. Three weeks notice to be given of acceptance prior to contest.
Address S. L. Saudry, Grants Pass.
W. H. H. Taylor holds the credit of being one of the largest wood dealers of the farmers who deliver wood in Grants Pass. Mr. Taylor has a good farm and a large tract of one and one half acres near the Applegate near the Wilderville bridge and he keeps a crew cutting wood for the greater part of the year. In addition to doing his farm work he has delivered 270 tiers of wood in Grants Pass this fall and he has a large amount yet to deliver.
Engraved Cards—Courier Building

Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might win
By fearing to attempt.

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About the future of Grants Pass,
About your position,
About your business,
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Think of "your loved ones at home," your family. Are you "donating to a landlord?" Then "cut it out" and buy THIS place for a home. Forty acres of land with splendid business established. Business paying from \$120.00 to \$300.00 a month. If taken at once YOU CAN HAVE THIS SPLENDID PROPERTY FOR \$3,000.00.

If that don't suit, I can give you a lot in almost any portion of the City by paying \$10.00 down and \$5.00 per month.

Joseph Moss,
The Real Estate Man

516 E Street Grants Pass, Ore.

MAY CUT TIMBER ON FOREST RESERVE

Regulations Prescribed by the Government Under Which Timber Is Sold.

The increased demand for the purchase of timber from the forest reserves has called for detailed working plans for the more important timbered areas within them. In order to avoid delay without jeopardizing the future welfare of the forest, and that these working plans may be well considered they are being made as rapidly as possible for those forest areas from which the sale of timber is probable in the near future. In many cases they are made before the actual application for purchase is received.

Those who purchase timber from the Government are required to observe Forest Service regulations in logging which guard against waste and provide for the reproduction of the forest. Considerable variety exists in the character and requirements of the forest in any one reserve so that each working plan must be based on a close study of local conditions.

When setting about the preparations of one of these plans the first question is, What areas in the reserve are adapted to the same scheme of management? After these areas have been selected they are thoroughly studied from every aspect.

The location of the timber is noted, and a rough estimate is made of its amount. Then the character and condition of the stand are carefully determined. Its age, over-ripeness, injury from fire or insects, the possibility of improving it by logging, and the kind and amount of young growth are principal points, all of which must be taken into consideration in settling whether it is advisable or inadvisable to cut.

The question of markets, and the logging facilities, are also taken into account, as well as the present local demand for timber, the probable future demand, and the kind of timber required. In connection with these problems attention must be given to the nature of the country, the accessibility of the timber, and the existing roads and drivable streams, because the actual value of the timber is in large measure dependent upon the ease and economy of its removal.

Reproduction, by which alone the forest can maintain itself, is essential where logging is to be done. For this reason the reproductive capacity of the forest is noted with careful detail, and the effect which fire and grazing may have upon it becomes a question of the first importance.

The data, therefore, which the working plan study has gathered form the basis of the terms of the contract in agreement with which the purchaser of Government timber removes the timber which he has purchased. These terms include the diameter limit below which the timber may not be cut, the number of seed trees of various species which must be left to reseed the ground, the maximum height at which the stumps may be cut, and the diameter to which the tops must be utilized, and other stipulations insuring clean, conservative logging. Especially, also they provide for the disposition of the slash, so that the forest floor may safely be cleaned of inflammable material on which uncontrollable forest fires might feed.

The restrictions imposed by the Forest Service upon timber purchasers are meeting with the intelligent approval of all who are performing logging operations under them. It is more and more clearly understood that they are necessary for the permanent good of the forest that they are of a purely practical stamp and that their observance means the continued productivity of the forest and therefore the husbanding of the timber supply and all that depends upon it.

WILDERVILLE

We are having beautiful weather for this time of the year.
Bruce Creed missed several days from school on account of sickness.
Rev. Clark preached at the M. E. church of Wilderville Sunday the 12th.
Mr. Conser of Corvallis, Oregon, visited relatives in these parts recently.
Mrs. Ricewick of Kansas, visited old friends in this neighborhood a few days last week.
Cattle buyers were through here several days ago. Don't think they took many cattle out of this neighborhood.
Agnes Duncanson, of Webber, Kan., after visiting relatives here nearly two weeks, left for parts unknown to the writer.
Uncle Fuller.
The G. A. Cobb Real Estate Company has undergone a change in membership. R. R. Stevens having retired. The business will be continued by G. A. Cobb and H. J. Isaacs both previous members of the Company. They have moved their office from West G street to North Sixth street and have a suit of rooms in the Conklin building on the second floor adjoining Dr. Kelsey's office, where they have fitted up an office that is neat and handy.
I have a cash customer for a 6 or 8 room house in good condition, on North side of track. Price must be close. W. L. Ireland, The Real Estate Man.

FOOTBALL VICTORY FOR GRANTS PASS

School Boys Win From Ashland—A Game Next Friday With Roseburg.

The football game played here last Friday between Ashland Normal and Grants Pass High School resulted in a victory for the home team. The attendance was good, the leading business men having closed shops on account of the game. The boys were enabled to pay the expenses of the game and to pay off all outstanding debts.

The game was closely contested from start to finish and was altogether lacking in unnecessary roughness and gangling, that sometimes characterize a contest of this kind. The victors bore their victory with dignity; and the vanquished took their defeat gracefully. The game was called promptly at 3 p. m. Capt. Chesire of Grants Pass having won the toss of the coin chose to defend the north goal. Capt. Sayles of Ashland kicked off to Grants Pass who secured the ball and returned it to the 40 yard line. Grants Pass then began an advance on the Ashland goal and was making good gains, but lost the ball on a fumble near the center of the field. By some well played end runs Ashland then advanced the ball to within three yards of Grants Pass' goal line. Here the Grants Pass boys braced up and held Ashland for down. Ashland being unable to make the necessary gains, the ball was given to Grants Pass. Riggs then punted for 40 yards, and a Grants Pass player secured the ball after it had been fumbled by the Ashland backs. By good team work, and well directed plays, among them a 25 yard run by Shade, Grants Pass advanced the ball in front of the Ashland goal. Riggs then huddled the line for the necessary gain and touchdown. Grants Pass failed to kick goal and the score stood 5 to 0 after 15 minutes of play. Grants Pass then kicked off to Ashland who made some gains but were soon forced to punt, not having made the necessary yardage. Shade blocked the punt and Grants Pass secured the ball near the center of the field. Again began the onslaught towards Ashland goal, but a costly fumble lost the ball for Grants Pass when within eight yards of the goal and another touchdown in sight. By several good quarterback runs by Sayles, Ashland advanced the ball back to near the center of the field, when time was called for the end of the first half.

In the second half, Will Moore was put in at left tackle and Bruce Stephenson at right tackle. Grants Pass kicked off and for some time the play was near the center of the field. Ashland was held for downs and forced to punt, again Shade blocked the punt but Grants Pass soon lost the ball on a fumble. Ashland then advanced the ball well in front of Grants Pass' goal and Sayles scored a very pretty goal from the field—making the score stand 5 to 4 in favor of Grants Pass.

On the last kick off Riggs made a very beautiful kick and the Ashland player securing the ball was dowered within 15 yards of the goal. Ashland attempted to kick out of danger but the ball was blocked and secured by Grants Pass near the center of the field. Grants Pass then advanced the ball to within 15 yards of the goal. Riggs tried to kick goal from field but failed. Palmer of Ashland secured the ball just on the goal line and attempted to run forward. He was seized by a Grants Pass player and thrown behind the goal line, thus scoring a safety, counting two points for Grants Pass. Referee Payne rendered decision of 7 to 4 before leaving the field of play. However it seems that time had been called by the time-keeper before the last play. The referee had not blown his whistle to declare the ball dead and it does not lie within the pres-

entertainment full of humor and pathos. The second number of the Lyceum Entertainment Course will be given at the Opera House Monday night December 4th. The entertainer for the evening will be Frank C. Bruner of Chicago in "Uncle Billy and Aunt Harriet" a pathetic, humorous and dramatic country story. Mr. Bruner is very highly spoken of by the press of various places that he has visited in the capacity of lecturer, and if we may judge by these and the quality of the entertainment of the past number on the course given some weeks ago by the Poland-Newall Co. it is safe to say that the entertainment on December 4th will be first-class in every respect. Few first-class entertainments of this kind come to our Southern Oregon towns by reason of the expense caused by long distances; and this series of entertainments given here this year has only been made possible by a number of representative citizens taking the matter in hand and giving it a financial backing. These entertainments should be liberally attended.

For rush of time the committee were unable before the last concert to see all persons desiring season tickets. To overcome this and to give all a chance to secure tickets for the season it has been decided to sell season tickets for the three remaining entertainments at \$1.10 each. This price will include reserved seats for entire remaining number of the course. Seats will be reserved at the usual place beginning at 9 a. m. Friday December 1st. The season tickets must be presented in order to secure reserved seats; they must also be presented at the door to secure admission on the evening of the 4th.

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We have the best lenses made, each lens being ground for each eye defect. We will examine your eyes free if you will come in.—Alfred Leteler, Registered Optometrist, Front St.
Registration Books Open.
Registration books are now open. John Minor Booth, auditor and police judge will be at his office, Room 7 Masonic Temple daily from 8 a. m. to 12 m. and at the city hall daily from 2 to 3 p. m. also at the city hall from 7 to 9 o'clock each Wednesday and Saturday night.
The election will be held Monday, December 4, Registration books open until Friday, November 30, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Timber claims. Homesteads—W. B. Sherman, Rooms 10 and 12 Masonic Temple, Grants Pass Ore.

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FARM FOR SALE—two miles from Merlin, 100 acres—about 50 acres of good bottom land, 25 acres in cultivation, small house and barn and about 50 acres under fence, balance of land suitable for orchard or pasture. For further particulars address W. M. Crow, Merlin, Oregon.

200 ACRE ranch, good prairie and apple orchard, small fruits in abundance, water for irrigation, besides springs on every 40 acres; center of a good range country; two dwelling houses, big barn, every thing complete; well sheltered from frosts, good mining market, one half mile north of Tunnel 9, price \$2,500. Inquire at this office.
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