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BIG PROFIT ONLY
IN EARLY MELONS
Starting Plants in Cans Placed
in Coldframes. — Has-
tens Growth.

The following article was published in the Courier last March and at the request of several farmers is republished:

The Rogue River Valley truck gardeners are finding their home market as well as the Portland market seriously cut into by the California growers, who, having the advantage of an earlier Spring get their vegetables, melons, etc., into the markets of Grants Pass and other Oregon towns before the local growers have marketable products. The fancy prices are thus past by the time the Rogue River gardeners are ready to begin marketing and their profits are thereby greatly reduced and sometimes when the Spring here is late, there are no profits at all to them.

The truck gardeners of New Jersey found themselves a few years ago out of the New York markets by the earlier products from the Carolinas and Florida. The likelihood of losing the most profitable part of their business caused them to devise means to successfully meet the Southern competition. This they did by starting beans, corn, melons, etc., in old cans and then when the weather was warm and the plants larger, they were planted in the garden. Their method was to get old tomato and other cans from the restaurants, melt them apart in a brass or other fire, tie a string around the can side to hold it together. Then fill these cans with very rich earth and plant in them such seeds as wanted to produce early products.

Set these cans in a coldframe, that is located on the south side of some building to protect it from north winds and place over the frame a thin white cotton cover. This cover is fastened to the rear of the coldframe and has on its front edge a wooden roller on which it can be rolled up when the coldframe is to be uncovered. This cover will keep off the frosts and cold rains yet let in sufficient light for the growth of the plants. On warm days this cover is rolled back and in the last period that the plants are in the coldframe it is left off entirely to harden the plants to outdoor life. Tepid water is used for watering. When the weather has become settled and the ground warm, the plants are placed in the field, where they are to grow, by this time the plants being strong, vigorous and hardy and from six to eight inches high. The method of planting is to first make holes of the size to readily hold the can and its plant. If a large number of plants, they can be hauled out on a sled, but a few can be carried on a board. As the cans have no bottom, take a bricklayer's trowel or a shingle to slip under each can when lifting out of the coldframe and when transferring to the ground. Set the can with its plant in the hole, press the earth well about the can, then cut the string about the can and carefully pull it up and lay it by for another year. If the job is done properly, the roots of the plant in the soil of the cans have not been disturbed at all and the plant proceeds with its growth as though no transplanting had been done.

By starting plants in cans in a coldframe, garden stuff, corn, melons, etc., can be matured from four to six weeks earlier than by waiting until the weather is sufficiently warm to make it safe to plant seeds in the garden. And the further advantage is had that the seeds are not liable to be rotted by a cold rain, or the plants killed by a late frost, or by the ravages of worms or insects. This method enables the gardener to get his products into the market before the general rush and while prices are yet high. This crop being off the land so early, enables the gardener to grow a second crop of his stuff, thus securing an increased productivity to his land. The consequent profits to be had from the high prices and double crops far more than reimburse the gardener for the extra expense of the coldframe and cans.

When conditions are favorable, there is not a more profitable crop grown in Rogue River Valley than melons, and a method of growing that will do away with the extra expense and with the uncertainties of the yield and enable the crop to be placed in the market early in the season, when prices are high, should commend itself to the growers of this Valley. It is with this object in view that the Courier gives the details of a method that, if undertaken by the farmers of Rogue River Valley, will make to them the growing of melons a very profitable crop and be the means of giving an increase and a stability to an industry that can be made one of the leading sources of wealth for Southern Oregon.

With the aid of the national bureau of forestry, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, will reforest 1500 acres of waste land, planting chiefly the red pine, red oak, chestnut and European larch. In 1907 the first crop will be given, and the land perpetually if rigidly maintained.

WOODVILLE

James Herr has moved his family here from near Jacksonville.

J. B. Phelps has been here for a short visit with old time friends. Born—Near Woodville, February 17, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Milton, a son.

Mrs. J. E. Hair returned Saturday from a few days stay with relatives in Grants Pass.

Word has been received that Geo. E. Ziders, former section foreman here, is now foreman at Hornbrook, Cal.

E. Clement and family have moved to the lower sawmill. Their elder daughter, Tena, is attending school in Jacksonville.

The dance given by the M. W. A. on February 4, was a successful affair, and added quite a sum to the lodge funds.

Clint Moore, Elmer Carter, Will Pyburn and others, went to Drain Monday to begin work with the S. P. bridge gang.

G. W. Orvings and family returned from Salem last week accompanied by Mr. Orving's father, who was a patient at the O. S. I. A. for several years, but who now seems fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Wilcox are selling their household goods and home here, preparatory to a removal to the new town site in California, Faralone City, near San Francisco. We wish them joy and prosperity in their new home.

Rev. Robt. Tweed has formally announced that his connection with this church will cease on March 18, 1906. A congregational meeting is called for March 3d at 2 p. m. and it is hoped that all those interested will attend if possible.

A number of improvements are noticeable about town. Mr. Seaman is building some new fence, and Mr. Wilcox is making some changes at the hotel by adding several bedrooms, enlarging the dining room, and making things generally more convenient.

C. A. Dickson, of the Fashion stables, was here last week purchasing horses of G. F. Wright, P. J. Leverich, Chas. Magerle, and others. Mr. Wright received \$625 for two teams, but we did not learn the price received by the others.

M. T. Oline, the new superintendent of the Homestake mine, has assumed control of affairs in place of F. H. Trowbridge, who was superintendent for many months. The latter went from here to Grants Pass and expected after staying there a few days to go California for a lengthy visit with relatives.

Peculiar Accident.

A press dispatch from Redlands, Cal., dated February 21, says:

B. S. Mulkey was taken from a Southern Pacific overland train at Redlands Junction last night, the victim of a peculiar accident. Mulkey, while playing a trombone worked too hard and broke one of his lungs, which may be the cause of his death. He is at present at the Redlands hospital.

Mulkey and his friends left Ashland, Oregon, bound for Teas by the southern route. Leaving Los Angeles the young man started to play upon the instrument and continued until a short distance from Redlands, when he collapsed.

The young man is a son of Hon. B. F. Mulkey, president of the Normal school at Ashland.

A BARGAIN, Good 6-room house on north side of track close in, two lots, sewer. Price only \$650 if taken at once (Is rented for a year at \$100)—W. L. Ireland, The Real Estate Man.

Candidate for Sheriff

I take this opportunity to announce to the voters of Josephine county my candidacy for the office of sheriff, and my name will appear before the primary convention April 20th on the republican ticket.

A. UMPHRETT.

Candidates Announcements.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE

of Corvallis
Candidate for Republican Nominee for Governor

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of Grants Pass
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JOSEPH MOSS

of Grants Pass
Candidate for Republican Nominee for County Judge.

If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office, conduct the business of this county with the same care and economy that I would my own. I stand for good roads and economy.

T. B. CORNELL

Grants Pass
Republican Candidate for Nominee County Judge

Business methods Applied to County Government County to build Good Roads.

S. F. CHESHIRE

of Grants Pass
Republican Candidate for Nominee County Clerk.

FRED MENSCH

of Grants Pass
Republican Candidate for Nominee County Surveyor

W. I. SWEETLAND

of Grants Pass
Candidate for Republican Nominee for Sheriff.

Candidate for Sheriff.

I hereby announce my intention of placing my name before the voters of Josephine county at the primary election, April 20, 1906, as a candidate for nomination to the office of sheriff by the democratic party.

L. A. HEBERLIE,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

[Socialist Mass Convention.

There will be a Mass Convention of the socialists of Josephine county, Oregon, held in the court house, Grants Pass, Oregon, Saturday, March 3, 1906, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a full county ticket and electing delegates to the State and District Conventions.

Every socialist in Josephine county is urged to be present.

MARCUS W. ROBBINS,
Chairman.
JOHN E. PADDOCK, Sec'y.

For County Surveyor.

I hereby announce that my name will be placed before the voters of Josephine county at the primary election, April 20, 1906, as a candidate for nomination for the office of county surveyor, on the republican ticket.

FRED MENSCH.

For County Surveyor.

I hereby announce to the voters of Josephine county that my name will be before the primaries as a candidate for the nomination of County Surveyor, or on the republican ticket.

D. J. LAWTON.

Candidate for Sheriff.

I hereby announce my intention of presenting my name before the republican primaries April 20 for the nomination of sheriff of Josephine county.

W. I. SWEETLAND.

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FOR SALE—2-year old heifer, fresh in 3 months—\$15. E. B. Brown, 408, Second street. 2-23 2t

FOR SALE—Buff Leghorn Eggs, 15 for \$1.25. J. W. Branch, Art Gallery, Grants Pass, Ore. 2-23 2t

HYDRAULIC RAM—No. 3 Hydraulic Ram—inquire at M. E. Moore's Second Hand Store, Front street. 2-23 4t

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Leghorns, stock and eggs for sale; eggs 15 for \$1. Hayden Close, West D street. 2-16 4t

BUGGY—A good single buggy, light one-horse spring wagon and a heavy lumber wagon, for sale cheap—M. E. Moore, Second Hand Store, Front Street. 2-23 4t

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A GOOD 160-acre ranch on Appleton river, 90 acres under ditch for irrigation, good buildings, 40 acres in cultivation. Sold at a bargain. Address, Farm Bargain, care Courier. 2-9 4t

FOR SALE—Fifteen acres of choice Rogue River pear land cheap; one-fourth mile from depot, irrigating water, good farm buildings; one-fifth down, balance 10 years at 7 per cent. Ben A. Lowell, Woodville, Ore. 2-23 6t

FOR SALE—5 to 40 acre subdivisions of a 1900-acre Rogue River ranch, 80 rods from Southern Pacific depot; small payment, 5 years time and 6 per cent interest. Come early and get the choicest of land. Also 20 acres best apple land to exchange for house and lot in Medford, Ashland or Grants Pass. Ben A. Lowell, Woodville, Oregon. 2-2 9t

FOR SALE—88 acres River Bottom land, 4 1/2 miles down Rogue river from Grants Pass on county road, known as the Turner ranch. Two houses, one a 3-room frame, large barn, hop house and all out-buildings. 9 acres hop, 10 acres orchard; winter apples. For sale at \$3500. A bargain for 60 days. Inquire of A. N. Hulbert, Sams Valley, Oregon. 2-9 4t

WANTED.

WANTED—Work on ranch by 15-year old boy. Address Chas. Ferdine, first house east of Dimick's. 2-16 2t

WANTED—Grain Sacks, Tools and other second-hand goods. Harrison Bros., Second hand-store, corner Sixth and J streets. 2-9 4t

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FOR RENT—A suite of fine office rooms. Address the Courier. 1t

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Typewriter supplies, ribbons, paper, etc., at the Courier office.

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Justice blanks at the Courier office

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as Livery men, under the firm name of Hayes & Heck, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the late firm are payable to F. Heck, by whom the business will be continued and by whom all debts of the firm will be paid. E. HAYES, F. HECK. Grants Pass, Jan. 22, 1906.

County Treasurer's Notice.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to June 1st, 1902. Interest will cease from this date. February 16, 1906. J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Josephine county, Ore.

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pump and pipe \$200 00 1 Top Buggy 20 00
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