

GRANTS PASS THE METROPOLIS

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pumps which can be utilized very cheaply. In this way Josephine county is enabled to produce berries of every variety and nowhere is the climate and soil so well adapted for their production and we have ever a ready market both at home and in the Sound cities. There are many openings in this line for energetic families, whose principal capital need only to be a willingness to lend all their efforts to the business. Grapes also thrive exceedingly well here, and many acres of land have been set to vineyards, while many more can easily be converted to this industry. Our apples are equal to the best and in the course of a few years time the fruit industry will be one of our principal standbys. There are hundreds of orchards throughout the county, some of them reaching quite large proportions, and all steadily increasing their output. The amount of the fruit shipped East and exported are a revelation to many who have never realized our activity in this branch. Fruit growing is like all other occupations, it means the devotion of the entire time and attention of experienced persons to bring it up to its full development, and fruit growers of note are rapidly interesting themselves throughout the county, turning which was formerly looked upon as being almost worthless into valuable orchards. And there are such sections still open for the energetic and far-seeing orchardist.

Nature has been lavish in the expenditure of her gifts in the immediate vicinity of Grants Pass, and only awaits the interests of homeseekers possessed of sufficient capital and energy to develop and materially benefit by the abundant resources here provided.

If we are equal to the task of taking hold of the possibilities placed within our reach by a bountiful Creator there is no question that in the near future the county of Josephine will occupy her proper place in the roll of enterprising and resourceful counties of the state. Intending settlers should not expect too much in the way of made-to-order homes, but should investigate this territory with the idea of placing here capital, energy and thrift, and to all of you we would say when contemplating a change in location, regardless of your particular line, investigate our territory first, and see if it will not meet your requirements, as nowhere can it so truthfully be said that Josephine county is adapted to every use. Here you will find good land, a pleasant climate, hearty, healthy and energetic citizens, who will await you with a genuine, Western welcome.

THE TOPOGRAPHY OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY

A Land of Fertile Valleys Between Mountains Rich in Precious Metals.

One of the grandest advantages of Southern Oregon and of Josephine county in particular is the diversity of the resources and industries. It is a condition whose value can scarcely be exaggerated that the welfare of this region is dependent on no single industry; that we have a considerable number of baskets in which to carry the eggs of enterprise. Few indeed are the localities of similar area which have such a diversity of resources. Agriculture, mining, lumbering, fruit raising, stock raising, dairying in their more or less developed stages, are all industries which belong to Josephine county and in each line there are wealth bringing possibilities far beyond the present attainment. This advantageous diversity of resources is due very greatly to the peculiar topographical conditions of Southern Oregon, conditions more typical in Josephine than in any other county in the district. It is the topography also which determines in a very great measure the status of Grants Pass and makes it the leading commercial city of Southern Oregon.

The country in general may be said to consist of long valleys, generally narrow, with divisions, subdivisions and ramifications, separated by mountain ranges. The valleys follow the course of the streams, Rogue river and its tributaries.

That part of Southern Oregon which contains Jackson and Josephine counties is enclosed on all sides by mountain walls; on the east is the Cascade range, the backbone of the mountain system of the state; on the west is the Coast range, not so high as the Cascades but yet the most rugged and formidable barrier of all. The Siskiyou, a majestic spur of the Cascades, extends east and west along the northern boundary land, joining the Coast range, form an unbroken watershed between the Rogue river and the

Klamath. On the north this region is bounded by the long, irregular continuation of mountains known as Umpqua divide. The Coast range is pierced by Rogue river and its principal tributary, the Illinois, the streams flowing through extremely deep and rugged canyons.

Besides the Illinois, Rogue river has another tributary which rises to the dignity of a river, the Applegate. The principal valleys of the county lie along these three streams and are separated from each other by long spurs which extend north and west from the Siskiyou. The divide between Rogue river and the Applegate, some 50 miles in length, is a continuous barrier from one end to the other with the exception of one pass near Jacksonville, giving the upper portion of the Applegate valley communication with that town and with Medford, on the line of the Southern Pacific. This divide ends abruptly just south of Grants Pass, the confluence of the two streams being a few miles below. Grants Pass is by its position, the only logical railroad point for the greater part of the Applegate valley.

Dividing the tributaries of the Applegate from those of the Illinois, another long ridge juts out from the Siskiyou range, sweeping first north and then west. Below the confluence of the Applegate with Rogue river the divide turns north again till it reaches the latter stream. Thereafter the river follows close along the foot of the steep mountains until imprisoned on the other side by spurs from the Umpqua divide, it flows through a narrow canyon to pass the Coast range. The Illinois divide is broken at only one point, an easy pass which leads from the Illinois valley to Slate creek and down that stream to the Applegate valley near its junction with Rogue river within a few miles of Grants Pass which is by its position again the only logical outlet to the railroad from the valley of the Illinois.

The Illinois valley is in size the most important in the county, being some 20 miles long by 12 miles wide. It contains many of the best farms of the county though only the most fertile portions are in cultivation and it contains large areas of unimproved land. The hills which surround it are full of mineral wealth and both mountain and valley lands have large tracts of good timber, virtually untouched as yet on account of the difficulty of transportation. The projected railroad from Grants Pass will work wonders toward the development of the many resources of this valley.

The Applegate valley, long and narrow, is better developed agriculturally, the farmers having co-operated in an irrigation system which has worked a wonderful transformation. The valley of Rogue river at and below Grants Pass though not large in extent, is wonderfully fertile and productive.

From all of these larger valleys arms and branches extend along the tributary streams into the very heart of the mountains. Even after the valley seems to end and the creek course becomes a canyon, there will be little openings, nooks and coves of fertile and comparatively level ground. Such sheltered places are peculiarly adapted to the growing of fine fruit.

The northern portion of the county contains no large valleys but has a series of long and generally narrow creek bottoms of the same general character as those mentioned. The Southern Pacific railway cuts through each of these creek valleys and Grants Pass, the nearest commercial point, receives the trade of these and tributary districts.

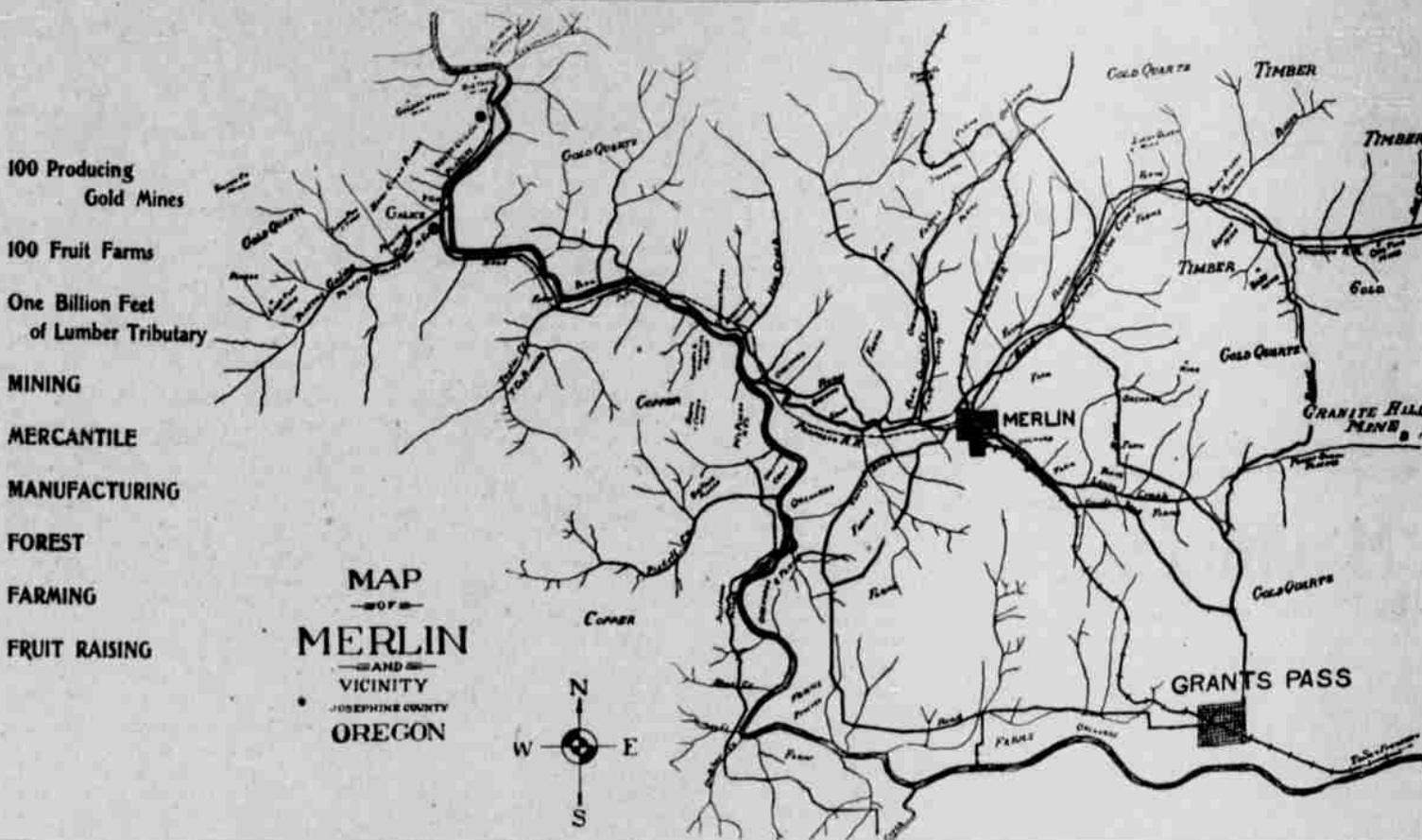
The mountain lands which comprise so great a portion of the area of the county are by no means waste lands but in different industrial lines have wealth bringing industries that place them side by side in value with the valley lands. The mineral deposits are rich and extensive and the timbered areas are large and valuable. The mountains, more especially the higher ones, contain much good grazing ground and among the uplands, benches and table lands, there is considerable land suitable for agriculture and which will doubtless be brought into cultivation when the country reaches a greater degree of development. The roadless areas of the western portion of the county contains considerable land of this character.

When the situation of Grants Pass is considered in relation to the topography of Southern Oregon, to the only practicable transportation routes from valley to valley which nature has allowed, it will be readily seen why it is the leading commercial city of the district, why it has so much greater tributary territory than other towns and why it must always be the leading city of Southern Oregon.

A postoffice will be immediately established at the Meadows, above Galeville, at the ranch of J. W. Thomas, who has been appointed postmaster. Adonor is the name selected for the new office which will prove a great convenience to the settlers in that region. The mail will leave the train at this station and for the first month a special carrier will carry the mail.—Glendale News.

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