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JOSEPHINE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS UNION

To Be Organized in Grants Pass
on June 23—Promises to
Be a Success.

The Josephine County Fruitgrowers Union is to be organized on Saturday, June 23, when a meeting for that purpose will be held by the fruitmen at the Courier office, in Grants Pass at 1 p. m.

A thorough canvass of the orchardists of the county has been made and all have signified a willingness to join the proposed union. The cost of membership will be nominal probably not over \$2.50 and the annual dues will be not over \$1. The marketing of fruit and other expenses of the union will be borne by a per cent on the sales made, thus each member will pay in proportion to the amount of fruit the union handles for him. In the purchase of supplies such as boxes, spraying material the members would be supplied at cost.

The union will be incorporated and the officers will consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and nine directors. A manager will be employed on a salary to handle fruit shipments. The president may act as manager or another person may be employed for the position. As to who would make a competent president and manager for the proposed union has been under consideration by the promoters of the organization. Fruit growing is yet in its beginning in Josephine county and but few of the orchardists have had experience in shipping and marketing fruit in large quantities. The largest shippers have been Eisman Bros., who with their father have two large orchards five miles west of Grants Pass. They expect to raise 12,000 boxes of apples this season and already a New York dealer has offered to contract their crop at \$2 per box. They declined the offer as they anticipate a better price. The Eismans are up-to-date orchardists and their name is known to all the big buyers of the East and their fruit goes into the markets as strictly first-class and brings the top price. Having a thorough knowledge of growing, grading, packing and marketing fruit makes it certain that they will be helpful members of the union, of which they have agreed to join. A large number of small growers having confidence in Mr. Fred Eisman's ability and knowledge of the fruit business have expressed themselves as favorable to electing him to be president and manager of the union. Mr. Eisman is a man of strict integrity and has a high standing as a practical business man and as he would be one of the largest shippers through the union it would be to his interest that the union obtain the highest price to be had.

The Southern Pacific is offering every inducement to stimulate the fruit industry in Rogue River Valley and the Company has given a special terminal freight rate or fruit in car loads billed to Eastern or European markets, the shippers from Grants Pass and other Rogue River points getting the same rates as those of Hood River, Willamette Valley or California. The Company's traveling freight agent H. A. Hinchaw and G. P. Jester their local agent will be

present to give the fruitmen such information as they may desire on freight rates.

Every farmer who will have even 100 boxes of fruit to sell should make it a point to attend this meeting and not stay away through the excuse that he can not afford the time. The difference in price of securing 60 to 75 cents a box by peddling in Grants Pass or of \$2 to \$3 per box by selling through a union will make it an object to even the small fruit raisers to attend. If each farmer stays away thinking that there will be enough present to organize the union and that he can join later on there will be no union and the fruit industry will continue at its present low ebb.

It has come that the small fruit-grower no longer has a living chance and he is forced to either dig up his trees and quit the business, or join a union and have his fruit sold in car lots direct to the big markets of the world. All the successful fruit districts of the United States now have unions and they have put fruit raising on a profitable, business basis. Instead of the old method of skanking the fruit off the trees, putting the best and least bruised on the top of the box or barrel and selling for any price offered, the union forces the growers to pick their fruit as though handling fragile glass, grade as carefully as though they feared a day in hades for every wormy apple found in the box, and pack as carefully as though preparing a shipment of chinaware. The union has convinced the housewives of the land that when they buy a box of fruit bearing a union label that every apple in the box will be found perfect in quality, true to name and full weight. The result of this honest dealing is that the public will give the same preference and pay the higher price for fruit in boxes bearing union labels as is done in the preference and higher price that is paid for butter that has a creamery label wrapper. The fruit growers unions are making it possible for the skillful orchardists to get top prices for their fruit, and at the same time they are making it more difficult for the slovenly grower to sell his fruit even at a ruinous price.

WITH GRAPE PROFITS BUILD FINE HOUSE

Hon. A. H. Carson Now Planning
to Build A Big Cold
Storage Plant.

Hon. A. H. Carson and Mrs. Carson were in Grants Pass last Saturday from their Redlands vineyard home to attend the Rogue River Valley Development League. Mr. Carson stated his grape vines were in splendid condition and the yield promised to be heavy. Redlands vineyard is the largest in Oregon and Mr. Carson intends to add to his present acreage of 34 acres until he shall have 100 acres to vines.

With the profits on his grape crop he last year built the finest farm residence in Josephine county and one that would be a credit to Grants Pass or any other town. This year he has under consideration the building of a big cold storage warehouse in which to hold the bulk of his grape crop for the winter market. Mr. Carson has thoroughly studied market conditions and he is convinced that there would be a big demand during the winter months and at highly remunerative prices for fresh, juicy grapes as such could be supplied by cold storage.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY ONE GREAT ORCHARD

That is the Prediction of Hon.
J. D. Olwell—The World
for A Market.

Hon. John D. Olwell of Medford was one of the Rogue River Valley boosters in attendance at the session of the Rogue River Valley Development League in this city last Saturday. Mr. Olwell is a member of the board of regents of the State Agricultural College and one of the biggest orchardists in Southern Oregon. In an interview with a Courier representative Mr. Olwell stated that Rogue River Valley was certain to become the greatest fruit growing district on the Pacific Coast. The acreage to fruit is increasing at a most rapid rate especially in Jackson county. Orchards of more than 100 acres are becoming common in that county. One firm the Western Oregon Orchard Company, has 1400 acres east of Medford that they are putting to orchard and already have a large part of it to trees. It is reported that this company placed an order sometime since with a nursery company for 30,000 trees for planting this winter. With all this increase to the acreage to orchards yet fruit tree planting has only begun in Rogue River Valley is the opinion of Mr. Olwell.

Where there will be a market for all this fruit that will be grown and shipped from Rogue River Valley by the train load is a question frequently asked by persons not posted on this industry. On this feature of the business Mr. Olwell has no misgivings he holding that the more fruit that this Valley can ship the better position that it can command in the markets of the world and sell at prices higher than is now obtained. Instead of Oregon being at the far side of the world's market, as some think, this state is really in the center and is more favorably situated than the Eastern state for reaching large and profitable markets. Oregon shippers now compete successfully in selling their fruit in New York, Boston and other eastern cities and also in London, Paris and the other great cities of Europe. But the time is near at hand when the best market for Oregon fruit will be in Alaska, Alberta and other British provinces, Siberia, Japan and China. These markets will be almost unlimited and if all Rogue River Valley was one great orchard the product would not be felt in this great market. The American people are the greatest fruit eaters in the world and cold storage and canneries have made it possible to have fruit cheap and in abundance for every month in the year. Portland will have a million people before it will be possible to ship fruit from Rogue River Valley by the train load and there will be a score of other big cities in the Pacific Coast to make a profitable home market for fruit. That fruit growing can be overdone in Rogue River Valley is not possible in the opinion of Mr. Olwell and in this he is sustained by all the other big fruit growers of the Valley. On the contrary the more fruit raised here the more advantageous will be the market conditions and the better will be the prices realized.

New Brick Block on Sixth Street.

The first story of the two story brick block that L. B. Hall is having erected on Sixth street near C street and adjoining his brick block in which he has his undertaking parlors is now well up and the brickwork for the entire building will be completed within 10 days. The bricklaying is in charge of Charles Ross and Joseph Harper is superintending the construction of the building and will have charge of carpenter work. The building will have a fine plate glass front the iron work for which will be furnished by the Grants Pass Iron & Steel Works.

As to the use the building will be put to Mr. Hall has not decided. The lower story will be rented for a store of some class and upper story will either be fitted up for a lodge room or hall, or it may be put into rooms. Mr. Hall owns the quarter block on the southwest corner of Sixth and D streets. This is a very desirable business corner and he will erect a brick block on it but may defer the work until next year.

The Courier gives all the county news.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY FRUITGROWERS UNION

Has Become to Success So Its
Officers State—Big Profit in
Fruit Raising.

President S. L. Bennett and Manager and Secretary J. A. Perry of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers Union of Medford, were in Grants Pass Saturday attending the Development League. While here they also visited the box factory to get prices on boxes, their union buying boxes by the car load and delivering to the members at cost. The union also supplies wrapping paper and spraying material to its members at cost and purchasing it in large quantities is able to make a big saving in the cost of these supplies.

President Bennett stated to a representative of the Courier that their union had steadily gained in membership since it was organized three years ago and this Spring several large orchardists have joined and it has become so strong that it now does the great bulk of the shipments from Medford. It is the hope of President Bennett that a strong union will be organized in Grants Pass for Josephine county and that then the three unions at Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass co-operate as one great organization in handling the fruit crop of Rogue River Valley, and instead of shipping by the car load as is now done that shipments can be made in trainload lots. The quantity of boxes, paper and spraying material required for the entire Valley would be so large that if purchased in one lot a big discount on the price could be had.

Manager Perry had a most encouraging statement to make for their union. The high standard of the pack put up by the Rogue River Fruitgrowers Union has given it a high standing in the markets of the world and now its fruit is bid for by buyers from New York, Boston, London, Paris and the other great fruit markets. Manager Perry stated that his union had been able to secure nearly one-half higher than small growers could realize for their fruit and that they had never lost a shipment as they deal only with known responsible buyers. Already bids are being received by the Rogue River Union and Manager Perry thinks that very good prices will be realized this year. Fruit prospects were never better and Manager Perry thinks he shall handle one-half more fruit for the union this year than in any previous year.

In proof of the profit in an orchard Manager Perry stated that four years ago he bought 54 acres of land near Medford at \$65 an acre making the purchase price \$3510. Two weeks ago he had a cash offer of \$295 an acre for the land, being \$12,150 for the orchard. The crops realized from the land all but paid for cultivating the trees and the planting and caring for the trees and the interest and taxes on the investment for the four years has not exceeded \$3000 leaving at least \$6000 clear profit on the venture. The trees have a few apples this year and within three years the orchard will be producing a marketable crop of fruit and then it will readily sell for \$500 an acre. A snug sum of \$27,000 on an original investment of \$3500. It is little wonder that the Jackson county fruitgrowers are making money and it is their cash that gives the chief capital to the three prosperous banks in Medford and makes that town one of the most thriving in Southern Oregon.

Mr. Perry is greatly interested in the proposed fruit growers union for Josephine county and he promised, if possible, to attend the meeting that will be held at the Courier office on Saturday, June 23 and assist in the organization. In order to assist the members of the new union to purchase their supplies at wholesale rates pending the perfection of their organization he would give them equal rates with the members of his own union. Manager Perry is thoroughly posted on the details of the work of a fruit-growers union and his suggestions would be of material assistance to the Josephine county orchardists in the organization of their union.

To Search For Lost Mine.

Alex Watts and Mrs. Watts were in Grants Pass Thursday from their fine farm home near Provolet. In addition to conducting a farm Mr.

Watts has a large placer mine on Williams creek and he stated that he had made a very satisfactory clean-up this Spring. Mr. Watts is one of the first miners in Josephine county, he coming to Sailor Diggings, now Waldo, in 1852. Like all the pioneers he has heard of lost mines and next week he and a party will leave for a search for a mine that was known to be rich but was abandoned and lost during the Indian Wars.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Watts was Mrs. C. J. Hall, whose husband and W. D. Dixon are operating a quartz mine on the hill back of Mr. Watts' place. They are operating a three-stamp mill and are milling ore that is giving good values. Their work is largely development and their mine is showing up very promising.

Cheap Rates to San Francisco.

An excursion will be run from Portland to San Francisco and return on the following schedule:

Leave Portland Saturday, June 16, train 15, at 8:45 p. m. Arrive Oakland Monday, June 18, train 15 at 8:38 a. m. Arrive San Francisco Monday, June 18th, train 15, at 8:48 a. m. Monday June 18th and Tuesday June 19th will be spent in San Francisco. Leave San Francisco Tuesday, June 19, train 16, at 8:20 p. m. Leave Oakland Tuesday June 19, train 16, at 8:52 p. m. Arrive Portland, Thursday, June 21, train 16, at 7:35 a. m. Tickets to be sold at rate of \$45 and to include berth in standard sleeper going and returning also while train is parked at Oakland Sixteenth Street Station. Also includes meals as follows: Breakfast, luncheon and dinner, Sunday, June 17th. Breakfast and dinner, Monday, June 18th. Breakfast and dinner, Tuesday, June 19th. Breakfast, luncheon and dinner, Wednesday, June 20th. Tickets will be limited to June 21st.

A. L. ORAIG, G. P. A.

Old soldiers and others attending the encampment will find a comfortable place to rest and read at H. C. Bobzien's grocery store. Mr. Bobzien will have a tent in one part of his store furnished with easy chairs and what will be of special interest to the old soldiers and others interested in Civil War history there will be 60

CONTRACT LET FOR BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE

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The contract for erecting the eight-room school building in the Third ward has been awarded by the board to John Nalaskowski for \$11,563. The other bidders were Hubbard, Day & Fitzgerald for \$12,260, Utley & Harper for \$12,740, and H. Snow of Salem for \$13,333. Mr. Nalaskowski will begin work next week on the foundation and the building is to be completed ready for school use by the first of September. The plumbing and heating will be let on separate contracts, and the total cost of the building ready for occupancy will fully reach the \$15,000 raised by the recent board issue for it is to be complete in every detail. The cost of furnishing the building will be very materially reduced as the desks and blackboards and other appliances from the three rooms in the old South building and the two rented rooms can be used and the bell from the South building will be transferred to the new building. The board has decided not to sell the old South building as the growth of Grants Pass is such that the new brick school will be full by another year and the overflow rooms will have to be provided. The old South building would serve until its three rooms would no longer hold the increase when a new brick could be erected for the Fourth ward.

As to who will be principal of the new school has not been determined by the board. Two more teachers have been hired, one being Mrs. Mollie Belding, who will again have a position in the primary grade and the other is Miss Roberta Hattenhauer of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

volumes of the official dispatches and other war records of the Union armies compiled by the war department and these will be for the free use of any who may wish to consult them.



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