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## THE FRUIT GROWERS OPEN WAR ON PESTS

Union to Have County Inspector Appointed—Will Supply Spray Materials at Cost.

The meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union last Saturday was largely attended by fruit growers from about Grants Pass and from Woodville, Hugo, Wilderville, Provolt and other sections of Rogue River Valley.

Estimates were filed with the secretary by the various fruit growers as to the amount of apples that they would have to ship. The report shows that the union will have five or six cars of strictly fancy pack apples for Eastern shipment. The Union will not now nor hereafter send a single box of fruit to market that is not strictly first-class. Had the scale, codlin moth and other pests not made such havoc in the orchards there would have been fully 75 cars of fruit for shipment.

To inaugurate a vigorous campaign against the pests that are proving so destructive to the fruit crop in Josephine county was determined on by the Union, and it was decided to have a county fruit inspector appointed to strictly enforce the state law and make tree owners either eradicate the pests or cut down their trees. County Judge Stephen Jewell was present and assured the fruit growers that he would co-operate with the farmers to the fullest extent in having the pest law enforced, the provisions of which are very strict, quite as much as the state sanitary laws to check smallpox and other contagious diseases. The owner of diseased trees will have to clean them or cut them down or the job will be done for him and the expense will be a lien on his property which the sheriff will collect. For county fruit inspector the Union recommended Charles Meserve to be appointed by the county court. Mr. Meserve is secretary of the Union and the organization will assist him to the fullest extent in the war on pests whether in the orchard of the farmers or in the yard of the town resident.

In order that the expense of spraying will be as light as possible the Union will furnish the materials at cost to those needing the chemicals. The Union will purchase the lime, sulphur, salt and blue vitriol which will be in the sprays used this fall, in large quantities and Secretary Meserve was authorized to secure bids from the dealers for these materials. Another reason for the Union supplying the spray ingredients is that they may be of uniform and full strength. Oftentimes spraying is not effective because some of the ingredients are below the strength required by the formula. The result is the orchardist loses his fruit and is out the expense of spraying and the use of his land. It is the purpose of the Union to so clean out the pests that Josephine county will be able to ship east more than 75 per cent of the fruit crop instead of having 75 per cent of the crop ruined as is the case this year, with a loss of \$75,000 to the farmers.

### Working the Jump-off-Joe Mine.

B. C. Pratt & Co., mining brokers of Boston have turned the attention toward Southern Oregon mining fields and have taken up the Jump-off-Joe hydraulic property, which they have purchased from Dysett & Becht. The property is in charge of A. B. Call, mining engineer, a native of California who has had a wide range of experience in the gold fields, and he is

fitting up the property for the coming season's run. The mine has had good equipment but it will be thoroughly modernized and a dozen men are now employed getting everything in readiness for the first water. The mine is located about 14 miles from Grants Pass and consists of 500 acres of placer ground. This is preliminary work for Pratt & Co., and if they find conditions favorable they will devote more attention to Southern Oregon and take up some larger propositions.

## TO SUPPRESS FAKE MINING PROMOTERS

California Has Such a Law and Oregon Is Certain to Have One Soon.

A bill providing for the punishment of all mining fakirs and promoters of illegitimate mining enterprises will be drafted by the American Mining Congress at its annual session which will be held in Denver, Colorado, October 16 to 19th inclusive. A committee composed of the best talent in the United States has been appointed to prepare and submit to the Mining Congress a draft of such bill. This committee comprises two United States Senators, Robt. M. La Follette (Wis.), and Fred T. Dubois (Idaho); one Congressman, Eben W. Martin (South Dakota), and the Governors of two states, Geo. C. Pardee (California), and Jos. W. Folk (Missouri). Four are attorneys and all from mining states of prominence.

California has already adopted a law which has worked an almost complete eradication from that state of spurious mining stock and that pestiferous parasite on the mining industry—the fake promoter. It is probable that the proposed legislation which will be submitted to the state legislatures this winter will be fashioned after the California law, which provides that any person who shall undertake to sell or assist in the publication, privately or publicly, of a fraudulent or exaggerated report tending to give any person or the public generally the idea of a greater value or less apparent value or market value than such stock may really possess, with the intention of defrauding any person or the public, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison, or a county jail, not exceeding two years, or by fine not exceeding \$500, or both.

The efforts of the American Mining Congress to protect the investor against mining frauds by furnishing information as to the true conditions at the mine, has made more apparent the necessity of legislation to suppress this evil, and it is hoped that all serious mining men will take an active interest and communicate with the secretary, to the end that the matter may receive the most intelligent consideration at the coming annual meeting. The Mining Congress never was in as strong a position to combat this evil, and the assistance of every mining man is needed to make its work more effective.

Steps will also be taken at this session for the creation of mine drainage districts similar to public improvement districts in cities, and for the creation of a Department of Mines and Mining as a separate Executive Department of the national government.

Mrs. Chas. G. Smythe and baby are visiting relatives at Roseburg.

Miners' blanks at the Courier office.

## DECISIONS UNDER NEW RATE LAW

New Railroad Regulations Laid Down by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In an opinion just made public the Interstate Commerce Commission takes important action on constraining the application of the railroad rate law and providing general rules applying to joint traffic on new lines and to commutation, mileage and excursion rates. The rulings are as follows:

"Payment for transportation—Nothing but money can be lawfully received or accepted in payment for transportation subject to the act whether of passengers or property, or for any service in connection therewith, it being the opinion of the Commission that the prohibition against charging or collecting a greater or less or different compensation than the established rates in effect at the time precludes the acceptance of services, property or other payment in lieu of the amount of money specified in the published schedules."

Where connecting carriers establish a joint rate which is less or greater than the sum of their local rates, such joint rate is a change of rates and requires a notice of 30 days. In such cases the joint rate, when duly established and in force, becomes the only lawful rate for through transportation.

"New roads—On new lines of road, including branches and extensions of existing roads, cut rates may be established in the first instance, and also joint rates to and from points on such new lines without notice on posting a tariff of such rates and filing the same with the Commissioner.

"Round Trip Excursion Rates—It is the opinion of the Commission that the provisions of the amended sixth section in respect of the publishing, filing and posting of tariffs apply to the mileage, excursion and commutation rates authorized by the 33d section. Such a rate when first established or offered is held to be a change of rates which requires a notice of 30 days. No reason appears why this notice should not be given in case of mileage rates, commutation rates, round trip rates, or other reduced rates which, like ordinary passenger rates, are established for an indefinite period and appear to be a matter of permanent policy. Strictly excursion rates, however, covering a named and limited period, are of a different character in this regard and may properly be established on much shorter notice.

"To avoid the necessity for special application in cases of this kind, the Commission has made a general order fixing the following named time of notice of round trip excursion rates, and carriers may govern themselves accordingly:

"Rates for an excursion limited to a designated period of not more than three days may be established without further notice upon posting a tariff one day in advance in two public and conspicuous places in the waiting room of each station where tickets for such excursions are sold, and mailing copies to the Commission.

"Rates for an excursion limited to a designated period of more than three days and not more than 30 days may be established upon a notice of three days, in place of the 30 days' notice otherwise required by the amended sixth section.

"Rates for an excursion limited to a designated period exceeding 30 days will require the statutory notice, unless shorter time is allowed in special cases by the commission.

## FARM NEAR GRANTS PASS CHANGES HANDS

T. P. Lee, the Melon Grower, Disposes of His Place on Rogue River.

T. P. Lee has sold his farm two miles west of Grants Pass to Jacob Strauss. There are 60 acres in the tract and it sold for \$6400. It is one of the richest tracts in Rogue River Valley and had it been in Jackson county where farming is given more prominence than in Josephine county it would readily have sold for

\$13,000. It is well improved and on a rural telephone and mail route and Mr. Strauss got a bargain.

Mr. Strauss formerly resided in Applegate Valley and had a fine farm four miles above Murphy which he sold last year for \$10,500. He planned to leave Rogue River Valley and go to a more desirable country but after spending a year traveling and looking over all the much lauded sections he came back to Josephine county well satisfied to invest and to again become a resident of this Valley.

## EISMANN BROTHERS HAVE FINE FRUIT

Will Sell \$14,000 Worth of Apples—Plow Up Alfalfa to Plant More Trees.

To those who think that Josephine county is only a mining district and that its chief industry will always be in the operation of its mines a look at the fruit exhibit in the large display window of P. H. Harth & Company's clothing store will convince them that fruit raising is certain to be the greatest industry of Rogue River Valley. This exhibit is samples of apples and pears from but one orchard that of Eismann Bros., whose farm is five miles west of this city and in quality it would be a credit to even a Hood River fruit fair.

Eismann Bros. have demonstrated that fruit raising can be made a success and that there is big profit in growing strictly first-class apples, pears, etc. Their crop this season will bring them fully \$14,000 and their per cent of profit is certain to be larger than is earned by any gold mine, sawmill or other industrial establishment in Josephine county. And to further prove their faith in the fruit industry Eismann Bros. will this fall plow up 70 acres of fine alfalfa and set the land to Newtown apple trees. And they expect to increase their planting from year to year until they will have a 200 acre orchard.

Rev. C. O. Beckman is at Portland attending the Willamette conference of Methodist churches, now in session at Sunnyside, in the church presided over by Rev. Ford, at one time presiding elder of the Grants Pass district. Conference will be in session until Monday.

## SEPTEMBER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

Judge H. K. Hanna Passes Judgment on Wrong Doers. Many Divorces.

The circuit court for the September term commenced its labors Monday with Judge H. K. Hanna on the bench. The complete docket comprised a dozen criminal and 60 or more civil cases, 14 divorce cases being included in the list. The cases disposed of up to the hour of going to press are as follows:

State of Oregon vs. Sam Cooper, larceny from a person, plead guilty and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

State vs. Ed Williams, assault with dangerous weapon, plea, not guilty; a special venire of four jurymen was drawn; case was given to the jury at 5:30 Thursday and at 1 o'clock the jury handed in a sealed verdict and was dismissed; verdict not guilty.

State vs. Bert York, indicted and released on \$150 bail.

State vs. Henry Barzeille, threatening to kill, dismissed.

State vs. Walter Eastman, assault with dangerous weapon; not a true bill.

State vs. C. W. Trickett, dismissed.

State vs. Jas. T. McCune, larceny from a dwelling, not a true bill.

State vs. W. M. Richards, not a true bill.

State vs. W. E. Wilson, plead guilty; sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Thos. Galvin vs. Frank Heck, action for money, judgment in favor of defendant.

H. D. Norton vs. Wm. H. Emerson, and John Ross Jr., action for money, default and judgment.

Gustav Payne vs. Pacific Pine Needle Co., action for money, default and judgment.

C. O. Rockstead vs. Henry J. J. Olson, confirmation.

Harvey Book vs. New York & Western Mines Co., confirmation.

Grants Pass Hardware Co. vs. J. P. Ranzau, confirmation.

John Goff vs. Mary E. Goff, divorce, default.

Oregon Mining Journal vs. Southern Oregon Title, Guarantee and Abstract Co. action for money, appeal

from decision of the justice court; judgment for plaintiff.

Oregon Mining Journal vs. A. S. Hammond, action for money, appeal from justice court; judgment for plaintiff.

H. L. Wilson vs. Willis Kramer, motion sustained.

W. T. Turham vs. Calumet and Oregon Mining Co., judgment for \$2000 in favor of plaintiff.

Grants Pass Hardware Co. vs. Calumet and Oregon Mining Co., action for money; judgment.

Wm. Spence et al vs. J. W. Russell, dismissed.

E. M. Albright et al vs. Martin Brown et al, action for money, dismissed as to McGuire; case continued.

Sadie Crawford Ferguson vs. W. E. Ferguson, divorce, decree.

## THE GALICE DISTRICT HAS PROSPEROUS TIMES

Old Store Gives Place to 2-Story Structure—School House Built and Teacher Wanted.

C. L. Barlow, postmaster and merchant at Galice, was in Grants Pass Thursday and Friday. Mr. Barlow stated that work was plentiful and not an idle man in the Galice district and that the placer mines which is the chief industry were in shape for active operations so soon as the rains set in. Much development work is being done on quartz claims and some fine properties are being opened up.

The old store and postoffice building that has done duty for years past and was amply large for its purpose has become entirely too small since it has been occupied by Barlow Bros. with their stock of general merchandise and now it is to be replaced by a fine two-story structure that will be ready for use in two weeks. With new and larger quarters, Mr. Barlow announces that his firm will enlarge their stock and make it more complete in assortment.

A teacher is wanted at Galice so Mr. Barlow, who is district clerk, states. The term will be four months, wages \$40 and board in a desirable place near the school house \$15 per month. The school house is new and well furnished and located in the village. There will be 12 to 15 scholars.

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