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CANNERY OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING

Southern Pacific Has Made Very Satisfactory Freight Rates on Cans and Product.

After years of expectation with the hope that some one would put in a cannery here the citizens of Grants Pass have decided to wait no longer and to build the cannery themselves with the co-operation of the farmers of Josephine county. To install a cannery and put it in successful operation is a large undertaking and to accomplish it will require an all-pull together of the citizens of Grants Pass and of the farmers of the county. This cannery will give a cash market for their fruit and vegetables and will make a large addition to the payroll of this city. And the extraordinarily low freight rates granted by the Southern Pacific makes it possible to profitably reach all the best markets of the country. The Railroad Company has gone its part and now it is up to the people of this city and county to do their part and that will insure the certain success of the Grants Pass cannery.

In accordance to a call issued by President L. B. Hall, of the Commercial Club, fully 50 business men and farmers met Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the Club room to consider the proposition of getting a cannery for Grants Pass. On the meeting being called to order by President Hall, Charles Meserve was called on to give information he had secured as to the details of the undertaking, he being at the instance of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union been working up the matter for some time. Mr. Meserve stated that he had secured insurance from the Southern Pacific that a freight rate would be made on canned goods that would be so low as to reach all the best markets. As to the management of a cannery he had several propositions. One was from a man operating a cannery at Bellingham, Wash., who offered to come here and put in a cannery if he was given substantial encouragement. The other proposition was from Sampson Green, of this city, who are successfully operating a vinegar and spray factory and are planning to add an alcohol plant to their establishment. Young men would put their factory and business into the cannery on a fair valuation taking for it in stock, on condition they have the management of the new establishment. Sampson Green, have built up a profitable business and the vinegar, spray and alcohol branches would be a big factor in putting the cannery on a paying basis. The Sampson boys are known for good business ability, honest, industrious and temperate and are machinists. Mr. Meserve stated he had found the farmers all ready for a cannery and willing to cooperate with the citizens of Grants Pass in putting up the capital for the undertaking.

A. Malboeuf, of Portland, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific, was then called on to submit a freight rate that his company would make for the cannery. He stated that the Southern Pacific was more than willing to meet the citizens of this section of Rogue River Valley in the effort to establish a cannery at Grants Pass and in that line they would make the freight rate as low as possible and not be unfair to other industries and shippers. His company fully realized that the building up of a cannery industry at Grants Pass would add much, both directly and indirectly, to the tonnage that would be handled from this point and that would be a guarantee that equitable freight rates would be given at all times to the cannery. When he quoted the rates that would be given the fairness and liberality of the Southern Pacific so pleased all that on motion of J. E. Hair a vote of thanks was tendered the company and Mr. Malboeuf and it was given with a will and unanimously. The freight rate old and new is as follows: To Portland, old rate .73 cents per 100 pounds on canned goods, new rate 30 cents per 100; to San Francisco, old rate 99 cents, new rate 40 cents; to Los Angeles, old rate \$1.26, new rate 50 cents. To Eastern points Grants Pass would be given transcontinental rates the same as Portland, thus putting the cannery here on the same footing as those in the northern part of the state. On tin cans a rate of 30 cents was made from Portland, the rate now being 80 cents.

On a motion to that effect President Hall appointed H. C. Kinney, Joseph Moss, J. C. Calhoun, H. D. Norton and Roy Wilson a committee to prepare articles of incorporation of a cannery company and get a proposition from Sampson Bros. for their plant and to get a freight rate contract from the Southern Pacific. The committee are working with energy and expect to have the stock book ready in the near future when an every-body-help campaign will be inaugurated and sufficient capital raised to put the cannery on a substantial basis.

MISS PALMER GIVES PLEASING MUSICAL

Entertaining Friends With Evening of Music at Opera House Wednesday Night.

That the people of Grants Pass are proud of the musical achievements of their talented protegee, Miss Ethel Carolyn Palmer, was duly evidenced by the large assemblage of music lovers who listened with rapt attention to the delightful rendition of her program last Wednesday evening. Miss Palmer has within her the soul and spirit of the true artist and her numbers each received a most feeling and inspiring interpretation. Her program was a remarkably attractive one and each number met a warm response in the heart of her listeners as it made its beautiful appeal to all that is most noble and aesthetic within the soul of man. The "Chaconne" by Bach-Busoni was full of wonderful harmonies and tonal effects and tested Miss Palmer's inter-

pretation and temperament perhaps as severely as anything she played. Although it is rather deep in conception, yet her audience of Wednesday night were fully equal to it in appreciation. Two exquisite numbers were the song, "Hark, Hark the Lark" and "The Wanderer" both by Schubert and arranged for piano by Liszt. The wild abandon and reckless joy of the first and the sense of haunting sadness and weirdness of the second made them a very taking part of Miss Palmer's program.

For strength and massiveness of execution Miss Palmer excelled upon the Sonata by Grieg while her versatility of temperament was perhaps best displayed in the "Scherzo in B Flat Minor" by Chopin. "The Swan" by Saint Saens was replete with wondrous tenderness and liquid sweetness, while the "Rondo Brilliant" was fascinating in its pure limpid clearness and grace. All in all the concert was a marked social and artistic success and we music lovers of Grants Pass are deeply grateful to Miss Palmer for another of these rare treats which in her great liberality she sees fit to give us so often.

G. P. H. S. News Notes

The Final Try-Out.

The final try-out has been held in the grades for the purpose of choosing the participants for the declamatory contest which will be held next week on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The first, second and third and the sixth, seventh and eighth grades will hold their contest on Wednesday evening, April 10, the fourth, fifth and the High School on Friday evening. Those to participate from the High School have not yet been chosen as they have not had their try-out. It will probably be held the first of next week. From the central building, Fourth grade, Alene Dunbar, and Marie Farr-I have been chosen. Fifth grade, Ruth Hathaway and Grace Geffers. Seventh grade, Merle Caldwell and Mildred Churchill. Eighth grade, Martha Tabor and Lester Coburn. From the East building—First grade, Ester Gilkey, Herbert Murray. Second grade, Jimmie Taffs, Paul Day and Oliver Moore. Third grade, Winifred Gilkey and Horris Hair. Fourth grade, Marie Edwards and Ruth Williams.

Fifth grade Helen Love and Mildred Pool. Sixth grade, Sallie Hughes, Olline Swetland and Herold Doxse. Those from the Riverside being First grade, Rein Holdschmidt and Bessie Wells. Second grade, Gertrude Kerley and Doris Russell. Third grade, John Harmon. Fourth grade, Vernon Harrington and Lois Britton and from the Fifth grade, Lola Rehkopf and Grace Kenney. All are exceptionally fine in declamation and the contest promises to be a close one. The medals have been received and are certainly a worthy reward for the winner. A small admission will be charged in order to defray the expenses of the medals.

Report of Attendance.

March, 1907.

No. days absent.....	575 1/2
No. day unexcused.....	24
No. days tardiness.....	9
No. of boy enrolled.....	341
No. of girl enrolled.....	381
Total monthly enrollment.....	722
Total No. enrolled for year.....	943
Average daily attendance.....	667
Per cent of attendance.....	95

As compared with the same month last session, the above report shows a decrease of seven in average daily attendance and a decrease of 116 in number of days absent and of 10 in the number of cases of tardiness.

"I've got the Spring fever, a splitting headache, My appetite's falling, tho' a tonic I take, That oration doth haunt me, naught else can I see, If this lasts much longer, oh, where shall I be? No rest for the weary, sleep I cannot, Oh, the poor Senior! Who envies his lot?"

We have now had our new principal, Mr. Snedcor for about two weeks and I think no one is really sorry for

DRAFT HORSES COM-MAND FANCY PRICE

E. T. Judd Sells Team of 2-Year Old Percheron Horses for \$700.

E. T. Judd, the well known breeder of Percheron horses of Turner, Oregon, and known to the farmers of Rogue River Valley as a popular speaker at the farmers institutes held in this Valley by Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, sold last week for cash a span of two-year old draft horses for an even \$700. This is encouraging news to the farmers of Josephine county who are stockholders in the companies owning the two Percheron stallions imported last year. To get \$350 for a two-year old colt is in marked contrast to the \$125 that is the highest that can be had for an average young farm horse that is too small for a draft horse, too big for a saddle horse and too slow for a roadster yet costs as much for feed and care as does the big, high-priced draft horse. From the encouraging beginning, it now will be but a few years until the farmers of this county will be selling many horses at from \$250 to \$350 each.

GOOD CLEAN-UP ON PLEASANT CREEK

J. A. Wickstrom Will Now Devote His Attention to Lumbering.

J. A. Wickstrom was in Grants Pass this week with the final clean-up of his placer mine on Pleasant creek, which was sent to the Mint through the First National Bank. Mr. Wickstrom, while he does not state what the output amounts to says it is "the most satisfactory clean-up he has yet had from that good paying property."

Mr. Wickstrom with H. E. Foster and A. D. Nailor will engage in the saw milling business. They have secured 10,000,000 feet of timber about five miles southwest of Talent and will commence active operations as soon as the machinery, which has already been ordered, arrives. They have purchased a mill with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day, a 45 and a 50 H. P. boiler and a 65 H. P. engine, with two donkey engines and other machinery for logging in the most modern methods. They expect to be able to commence operations in about 30 days.

The firm is to be known as Foster, Wickstrom and Nailor. H. A. Foster, general manager, J. A. Wickstrom at the head of logging operations and A. D. Nailor in charge of the saw mill operations. Although they have received some very good offers for their output they have not as yet made their contracts.

WILDERVILLE

Pearl Sams has commenced a term of school near Waldo.

We are having fine weather now. Somewhat cool mornings.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sams, on March 28th, a fine daughter.

Mr. Akers made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland made a business trip to Grants Pass Tuesday of this week.

Charles McCann and Co. have their donkey engine hauled up to the saw mill on Chaney creek.

They must have seen some of the pretty girls for they were seen on their way home, all smiles.

We hear that Mr. Bonsman's leg that was broken about six weeks ago, was not mending very rapidly.

Leo Sams started Monday morning of this week to be timber faller for the saw mill near Love's station.

Fred Lowe and John Tabor of Grants Pass made a flying trip in this valley Tuesday of this week.

A few of the young folks attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevenson Monday evening of this week.

J. T. Roberson of Wonder made a business trip in this vicinity Tuesday of this week. He report that he had been having the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Nickerson and babe have moved on a ranch they recently purchased near the stage road on what might be termed Jerome Prairie.

Miss Minnie Zimmerman, whose home is on Deer creek but has been going to school in Grants Pass, is visiting a few days with her cousin, Miss Maud Hampton.

UNCLE FULLER.

JURY LIST

Jury list for April, 1907 term.

E. M. Albright, Deering.
J. L. Fryer, Grants Pass.
E. H. Allen, Grants Pass.
J. W. Branch, Grants Pass.
H. M. Brown, Kerby.
Robert Allison, Grants Pass.
H. V. Doxse, Grants Pass.
R. Aubrey, Grants Pass.
W. O. Benjamin, Placer.
Charles Berglund, Leland.
R. S. Bratton, Grants Pass.
Joseph McCaslin, Merlin.
Joseph Fetznar, Grants Pass.
W. G. Zimmerman, Dryden.
J. M. Briggs, Grants Pass.
D. A. Richje, Grants Pass.
H. L. Reed, Murphy.
Joseph Schmitt, Grants Pass.
L. B. Ruth, Grants Pass.
Wm. Sargent, Selma.
J. O. Hiatt, Selma.
E. L. Bricker, Williams.
Fred Roper, Grants Pass.
Leonard Estes, Grants Pass.
O. P. Harvey, Grants Pass.
Frank Williams, Grants Pass.
A. H. Baber, Grants Pass.
W. L. Ireland, Grants Pass.
N. Reynolds, Grants Pass.
George W. Lewis, Jr., Grants Pass.
M. M. Kohler, Waldo.

Interesting Lecture.

Mr. Ellis, who lectures at the G. A. R. hall four nights next week, commencing Monday, comes with the recommendation of Prof. Smith of the Salem high school. Rev. J. S. McCaslin, pastor of the Christian church at Eugene, and many other prominent men. Her lectures are models of clear thinking, well expressed and indicate a thorough acquaintance of the subject of phrenology.

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