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## PROSPECTS FOR FRUIT IN EASTERN STATES

J. D. Olwell, of Medford. Now in the East Gives His Observations.

The Medford Mail publishes the subjoined communication from Hon. John D. Olwell, formerly one of the big fruit growers of Jackson county and now in the real estate business in Medford. Mr. Olwell is a close observer and reliable and what he states is of interest to the fruit growers of Rogue River Valley:

Hon. John D. Olwell under date of June 7th, writing from the Waldorf-Astoria, New York gives the following for the information of the Rogue River Fruit Growers as he has found crop conditions from Oregon to the Atlantic Coast:

E. L. Smith informed me at Hood River that they had about 60 per cent of a crop of Apples and Yakima Valley has a very good crop, probably 80 or 85 per cent Colorado exceedingly short, estimated at about 25 per cent of the crop. The Missouri River country mostly a failure. New York state and the Atlantic Coast prospects at this time are very good. Apple and pear trees are just beginning to bloom, as they have an extremely late, cold wet Spring, and really have had no Spring as yet. Everything is very backward. The trees are putting on a heavy bloom, and if nothing should happen later, New York state and Canada should have large crops.

Continuous rainy and cloudy weather prevails, equal to mid-winter, in Oregon, and the people of New York state are very anxious to see a little sunshine and Summer. I find some Spitzenbergs, Newtown Pippins and Wice Saps still on the market here. They are all from Oregon.

The retail price at the fancy fruit-ers on Broadway is \$1.50 a dozen. On the menu card at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Oregon Spitzenbergs at 30 cents each. The only pears that I have found left on the market are from Block's place, in Santa Clara, Cal. They are the P. Bary variety. They are retailed at 25 cents each, and a very handsome looking pear. They are one of the longest keeping varieties that are grown today. Their ripening time is April, May and June. I am not familiar with the fact whether they are a good bearing variety, but the thought struck me that a few of them might be very profitable for our growers in the Rogue River Valley, as it is a world beater on all other varieties, and I know no reason why they should not do splendidly with us as they are comparatively a new variety over the American country and have originated in New York State. From present indications it looks very favorable for the apple and pear growers of Rogue River Valley to receive very good prices for their fruit this fall.

### He Didn't Advertise.

A Medford merchant, who doesn't believe in advertising his business nor even in reading the local newspapers "went up against" an old whiskered con game the other day and speedily became the possessor of a bogus check drawn for \$50. A stranger entered the store and confided to the ice cream merchant that he was about to lead a blushing Portland widow to the altar and that by way of celebrating the happy event he would need several gallons of ice

cream and other confections. The merchant was delighted and took the order with alacrity. He also took the \$50 check which was tendered in payment and gave the stranger his change and a two-bit cigar, just to show that he was a good fellow. The stranger took the merchant's good coin and cigar and the trail south, but later was apprehended by the sheriff and brought back.

The up-to-date con man always studies the advertising columns of the local newspapers and goes after the merchant who doesn't advertise as a dead easy game. There are still a few other merchants in the Rogue River Valley who should take warning from this story. The Summer rush of confidence men is just beginning to arrive.—Central Point Herald.

### Business Men Back Enterprise.

Last week R. E. Gilbert closed the deal with H. F. Schoenfeld for the purchase of the New Channel Mine, located on the south bank of Rogue River at Hells Gate comprising 188 acres of placer ground. This mine is equipped with a giant and about 1000 feet of pipe and has a five mile ditch and good water right, and while it has been worked but a little more than one season, it has shown itself a big producer. Mr. Gilbert is associated with a number of business men who will incorporate a mining and development company under the laws of Oregon. The company will thoroughly equip the mine and will have everything in readiness for the season's run.

It has been said by many that it would be impossible to secure local money for a mining or development enterprise, as the business men have no faith in their own community. This idea is disproven by the fact that nearly all of the funds raised are strictly local.

### A Profitable Creamery.

The Logan correspondent in the Oregon City Enterprise gives the following news item that will be of interest to the dairymen of Rogue River Valley:

"Creamery patrons received 21 cents a pound for butter fat for May. The company received word that their large cream vat ripener that was ordered from New York had arrived and will go after it immediately as it is almost impossible to care for so large an amount of cream without something of the kind. People must consume more butter now than formerly at this season of the year for heretofore this was considered the dull month in butter market and the price was generally the lowest at this season and did not show any marked raise until about the first of August. With the prices advancing now what will it be next winter?"

Eggs also are keeping up in price; hens that pretend to have any dignity about them refuse to lay 10 cent eggs any more.

As a token of the appreciation and esteem in which Claud Hockett, manager, and Andy Colvin, superintendent of the California Pine Box and Lumber Co. are held by their employes, the boys on Wednesday afternoon presented each of them with a handsome diamond ring. At about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the blowing of the factory whistle summoned the men from their work and to the amazement of Messrs. Hockett and Colvin all the men quit work and gathered around the office where Elmer Dunbar, the bookkeeper, on behalf of the men, made the presentation speech. The gifts came as a surprise to the recipients and will be greatly cherished and prized by them.

## FRUIT GROWERS HAVE AN ENJOYABLE PICNIC

Unite Pleasure With Study and Listen to Addresses on Important Topics.

The picnic held Thursday at A. T. Martin's place on Vanney creek under the auspices of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association was a success and those who attended it declared that it was a profitable day to them and that they also had a delightful outing and social time. The attendance was small, only about 250, owing to the fruit industry has not yet attained the prominence that conditions here warrant and that have been reached in Jackson county, Hood River, Yakima and other fruit districts, where orchards are the financial backing to the prosperity of both farms and towns. The reason that the farmers did not turn out better was that they were too busy with their hay, hops and other crops and thought that they could not spare the time to attend the picnic and thereby aid in the campaign of education that the farmers of Josephine county may learn how to grow apples that are worth \$3 a box and will sell for that price. But few of the business men of Grants Pass as yet fully realize the importance of the fruit industry to their prosperity, as do the business men of Hood River, Medford and Ashland, therefore make no special effort to aid in the work of developing this important source of wealth to their town, so less than half a dozen were present at the picnic. But this picnic was a success in the campaign of fruit growers education and by another year when one is held there will be a good representation at it of both farmers and business men.

The program for the day was presided over by J. H. Robinson, president of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association. Two sessions were held, one of an hour in the forenoon and one of two hours in the afternoon. President Robinson calling the meeting to order made a short talk that was very practical and full of good points to all who are interested in the development of the fruit industry in this county and in the betterment of the conditions of the farmers. Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange, was the next speaker. Mrs. Waldo is a farmer's wife, her husband being one of the largest and most successful farmers in the famous Waldo Hill section of Marion county, and she fully understands the condition and wants of the agricultural interests of Oregon. She is a woman of fine appearance, highly educated and a graceful and forceful speaker and she held the closest attention of the audience. Her address was logical and full of convincing points and she was frequently given hearty applause while speaking. The bettering of the conditions of the farm home, the farmer and his wife and children was the principal topic of her forenoon address. While Mrs. Waldo intended to only give a short talk yet so interested were the audience that they insisted that she continue with the result that she spoke for nearly an hour and at the close of her address an adjournment was had for dinner and a social gathering.

At 2 o'clock President Robinson again called the assemblage to order and then introduced as the first speaker M. J. Anderson, superintendent of the new Siskiyou forest reserve, who was sent here this Spring by the government and who has established his headquarters in Grants Pass. That whether the hills and mountains about Rogue River Valley are bare wastes, parched and burning dry in the Summer and affording little or no water to the streams and in the Winter a place for the snows to melt as soon as they fall and pour down floods in the streams to devastate the valleys, making it that the water supply is short in the season when most needed and excessive in the months when it is of little value is a matter of great importance to the farmers of the Valley. And this was the principal topic in the address given by Mr. Anderson. He made it plain that if the hills and mountains about this Valley were covered with a dense growth of trees

and underbrush that the water supply available for irrigation would be fully doubled. Mr. Anderson explained in full the government's policy and method of handling the forest reserves and the rules under which timber was sold to millmen and given free to settlers. He told of the advantages that would come to the people by having the timber supply preserved and by prudent cutting increased rather than diminished as is now the case under the average logger's way of cutting timber. The opposition to the forest reserve system Mr. Anderson said came from persons who were not posted on the subject or were working in the interest of speculators and the big timber barons.

Mr. Anderson was given close attention during the entire time he was speaking and at the close of his address he was heartily applauded by the audience. A motion was passed by unanimous vote that President Robinson appoint a committee of three to draw up suitable resolutions expressive of appreciation of the efforts of President Roosevelt in getting forest reserves established and in protecting the forest lands from the greed of the timber barons, and of the work of Forester Pichot, head of the Government forestry service, in perfecting a system of handling the forest reserves whereby the timber is available to all the people at a reasonable price and that conserves the supply by prudent cutting and by the reforesting of the burned-over and barren hills and mountains and the resolutions are also to commend the good beginning that the forest supervisors are making in carrying out the Government's plan to have the forest lands fulfill their purpose in the economy of the development of the resources of the country and of the comfort of the people. As such committee President Robinson appointed Charles Meserve, secretary of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association, L. B. Hall, president of the Grants Pass Commercial Club, and K. A. N. Reymers, a director of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association.

The next on the program was a well rendered recitation by Miss Helen Hall, of Grants Pass.

Mrs. Waldo having so pleased the audience with her address of the forenoon that she was invited to speak again and taking co-operation for the farmer as had through the Grange for her topic she delivered one of the finest and most convincing speeches ever heard in this county. That the farmers had need of organization for co-operations she showed by the fact that they were now the one vocation that was struggling along each man for himself making little effort to raise the standard of his living and of the products of farm, and as little effort to gain remunerative price for that which he has to sell. Every vocation of the city and town has an organization to guard and work for the interests of its members and to fix the prices that they shall receive in their business dealings. Mrs. Waldo made no harsh or unjust criticism of the organization and co-operation of the people of the towns, but she thought it was high time that the farmers stand by each other and through such organizations as the Grange and fruit, dairy and stock associations improve their social and education all advantages and better their market conditions. Her suggestions were all practical and in line with the trend of the times and at the close of her address many came to the platform and congratulated her heartily on the helpful ideas that she had given them and the pleasure they had in listening to her. With Mrs. Waldo's address closed the program and the remainder of the day was given to social enjoyment. On dismissing the audience President Robinson announced that Fruit Growers Association would hold their next picnic in September in a fine grove on Slate creek near Wilderville. Mrs. Waldo having consented she will be one of the speakers at this picnic. Addresses will also be made by some of the leading fruit growers of the state and possibly by one more professor from the Agricultural College.

Merlin-Galice stage line leaves Merlin 7 a. m., arrives Galice 12, return 1; arrive Merlin 6 p. m. 25 pounds baggage free.

Joe McKinney, who has spent the past several years in Juneau, Alaska, returned to this city Thursday.

## CELEBRATION WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS

I. O. R. M. Plans Greatest Celebration for the Fourth Ever Held Here.

That the crowd will come to Grants Pass to celebrate on July 4th and 5th, goes without saying. The great array of interesting events for both days is something that those who can possibly get here cannot afford to miss. The program is now complete in every detail and things are so arranged as to leave not a dull moment—in fact, it will keep one more than busy to see it all so fast will one feature follow another. Each feature deserves special mention if we had space to give it and to pick the most popular of the many events would be hard to do.

The ball games between the Medford and A. A. C. teams will be exhibitions of the national game, the equals to which are seldom seen among amateurs. Both teams have stronger batteries than ever before played in this part of the state and the work done by each will be superb.

The balloon ascension will also be the best of its kind ever seen in this part of the state. A special balloon is now being constructed for the occasion and the ascent will be by far the highest on record in a Southern Oregon town.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the program of events.

Prof. R. S. Berry returned from Portland Saturday morning accompanied by Prof. Oscar L. Smith, aeronaut and balloon manufacturer, and they have been busy making a monster balloon for the ascension at Grants Pass on the 5th. This gas bag is now completed and is the largest on the Coast, being 67 feet high when inflated, while other balloons are but 50 feet. In circumference it is 128 feet and required 900 yards of cloth. The parachute is now being made and will cut 16½ feet, and from the parachute bar to the top of the balloon is 104 feet.

### Picnic at White Rocks.

Bethany Presbyterian Sunday School picnicked Wednesday, spending the day at a beautiful grove on the north bank of Rogue river above the White Rocks. By 9 o'clock the first loads of children were on their way to the picnic grounds, and at dinner time a number of the men "folks" appeared to assist in waiting on the tables. About 150 people were present and partook of the picnic dinner served by the "Blues", the defeated side in

the recent membership contest. Mrs. Parker presided over the coffee and Mr. Bartlett had charge of the tea while nearly everybody had a hand at the big boilers of lemonade.

After dinner, boat riding and wading occupied the time of the more energetic members while blankets and pillows spread under the trees occupied the attention of the weary ones. Toward evening there were races for the boys and girls. In the race for boys from 9 to 12, Earl Elliott won and Sally Huges won the girls' race. The 13 to 15 year races were won by Elbert Harvey and Edna Cornell. One other race eligible to ladies from 15 to 75 was won by Clara Calhoun. Then followed a tug of war with S. Bowden and S. S. Prentiss as captains. This was a fierce struggle and was finally won by Mr. Bowden's side. Then the ladies had their try at the rope, Owlen Hughes' side winning.

Supper was served and at about 7 o'clock the picnickers were on the way home, tired but happy.

## GRANTS PASS LIMITS NUMBER OF SALOONS

No Additional Licenses Will Be Granted Until Population Reaches 6000.

Grants Pass is to have but one saloon for each 500 of its population. The mayor and city council believe that one liquor house can easily satisfy the thirst of 500 citizens, and an ordinance has been passed restricting saloons to this number. By the terms of the ordinance all previous ordinances and city laws applying to the regulation of saloons and the sale of intoxicating liquors are repealed, and this new law is the sole regulation, with the exception, of course, the state laws governing such matters.

The new ordinance provides that there shall be no more than one saloon for each 500 people in Grants Pass, and the United States census is to be the basis for figuring the population. As a beginning it is assumed that the present population of the city is 4000. This allows the city eight saloons, but the ordinance does not affect those already engaged in the business. At present Grants Pass has 11 saloons. Two recently went out of business. No new licenses will be granted till the census shows a population of at least 6000.

Under the provision of the new ordinance it is also possible for the council to refuse a license to any person buying out any saloon now operating here.

Kodaks and Films at Music Store.

## KEEP COOL

**OTHERS WILL BE Cool and Comfortable**

This summer by means of the many PLANS and nice GOODS we are showing. Why not at least know what those goods and plans are

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