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PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB LETTER

Colonist Rates Will Be on Again in a Few Weeks and Continue For 60 Days.

Portland, Ore., July 15, 1907. The banquet tendered to the Hon. James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior, at the Portland commercial club Saturday evening, was a most representative affair. Judge George H. Williams presided as toast master and talks on behalf of Portland and Oregon were made by Gov. Chamberlain, Senator Fulton, State Senator Haines, of Forest Grove, Judge Lowell, of Pendleton and others, while Secretary Garfield, Commissioner Ballinger of the general land office, F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service and others responded on behalf of the visitors. The trip of these high officials of the interior department at this time is of especial importance to Oregon, as shown by the any prominent people from over the state who attended the banquet.

The successful organization of the Portland Country Club and Live Stock Association is assured. Nearly \$100,000 of the \$150,000 capital stock of the corporation has been subscribed. One of the crying needs of Oregon has been a permanent live stock association and the stock is being rapidly taken up.

All Oregonians will be gratified to learn of the organization of the Portland Rose Festival Association, assuring an annual rose show and the wide publicity to be given future events will be of great benefit to the state generally.

In six weeks more the colonists rates to Oregon will be in effect again, continuing for 60 days. In order to get the full benefit of them, every commercial organization should get busy with their correspondence with prospective settlers. During this vacation period the boys and girl have the time to write their friends "back East" and tell them about the Oregon country. As an illustration of what can be accomplished by this means, the school children of a single district in one of our coast counties doubled the school population of that district merely through correspondence, necessitating the construction of an additional school building.

A city can prosper only as the country which supports it prospers. The wonderful prosperity of Oregon is reflected in the building record of Portland for the six months ending June 30th. This city led the 34 principal cities of the country in the percentage of increase in building over the same period of last year, with a gain of 78 per cent.

Coffin Tacks Barred.

No more cigarettes in Washington after September 1. The law forbidding the trafficking of the little substitutes for cigars passed by the last legislature, will be operative in a little over two months. It was the outcome of the work of the committee on public morals, Representative Byers, chairman, and is as follows:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, by himself, clerk, servant, employe or agent, directly or indirectly, upon any pretense or by any device, to manufacture, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of or give away or keep for sale, any cigarettes, cigarette paper or cigarette wrappers or any paper made or prepared for the

purpose of being filled with tobacco for smoking; and any person, for violation of the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall, for the first offense, pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 and cost of prosecution and stand committed in the county jail until such costs of prosecution are paid; and for the second and each subsequent offense, shall pay, upon conviction thereof, a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500 and costs of prosecution, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed six months. Provided that the propositions thereof shall not apply to the sales of jobbers doing an interstate business with customers outside the state."

MEDFORD TO HOLD BIG CELEBRATION

State Horticultural Society and Business Mens Carnival Stated for Aug. 9-10.

Medford is preparing for the greatest celebration ever held in the Rogue River valley next month, when the State Horticultural society and the business men's carnival hold forth in the growing metropolis. Several thousand dollars have been raised by the committees in charge of the celebration, and Dr. D. R. Ray, a leading citizen to Medford, is now in Portland securing attractions for the show. In speaking of the celebration Dr. Ray said:

"We will have one solid week of entertainments which will be along social and educational lines. The horticulture society will be in session August 8, 9 and 10, and delegates will attend from all parts of the state. The evenings the society is in session will be devoted to public meetings at which notable men from all sections will speak. We expect a crowd of 6000 people and will provide entertainment for all classes.

"The carnival feature will be varied and the attractions will be the best we can secure. There will be rock drilling contests, baseball and other sports. Fireworks will form a portion of the display.

"Medford will be brilliantly illuminated at night. Three large arches with more than 1000 electric lights on each will be erected, while nearly every business house in the city will decorate their buildings with electrical displays. No expense has been spared and the people are determined that the carnival shall be the most elaborate ever held in Southern Oregon.

"Medford has doubled in population in the last year and a half and will quadruple in the next few years. This will be due to the great strides that are being made in the fruit industry. Between 3000 and 4000 acres of fruit have been laid out each year for the past five or six years. The care of these orchards and the handling of the fruit requires a small army of men. Canneries are going up and few cities offer inducements to newcomers that we do."

Prussian Poultry Tonic at Cramer Bros.

A prospector by the name of Andrew Hutton was arrested in a saloon here last Friday on information from Roseburg. Saturday morning Sheriff McClellan of Roseburg came and took the accused to Roseburg where he was arraigned before the district attorney on a charge of robbing a fellow prospector near Canyonville.

PROMISING MINE IN LITIGATION

Title to Galice Property Which Shows Good Prospects Has Many Claimants.

A mining case which will be watched with a great deal of interest by mining men of the Galice district is the title Robertson vs. Mitchell and Mattison. This is a case arising out of the district where there are now many mines upon a paying basis and where many more are about ready to make shipments of rich ore; such mines as the Alameda, Golden Wedge, Copper Eagle, Goldfinch, Sanders Mine and others being in the immediate vicinity. As is usual in a mining camp where a mine of great richness has been discovered unless great precautions have been taken, concerning the title, claimants arise from many quarters who believe they have an interest worth fighting for. Robertson, the plaintiff in June 1901, obtained a deed to a claim called the Commonwealth, from a man who went upon the public domain in July 1898 and posted a notice. It the affidavit of Edward Friday and others can be credited, this locator never set stakes, marked the boundaries nor did any assessment work either in 1898, 1899 or any subsequent years. In January, 1900 Friday went upon this ground and posted a notice for another man, but no stakes were set, nor were the boundaries marked nor was the assessment work done. The first locator deeded not his own location but the location of the second locator who never had transferred to the first locator. This deed was made to the plaintiff who now asserts an interest in the mine.

In January 1902, after knowing that all prior locations were invalid, Mattison one of the defendants went upon this ground and located same. According to his and other affidavits he marked his boundaries, staked his claim and filed his notice for record, and called it the "Oriole." He went into possession and remained in peaceable and quiet possession, until the commencement of the case referred to. He states in his affidavit that rich ore was not struck until late in 1906 and that prior to that time he did not know whether he would strike rich ore or not and that the plaintiff had never at any time made any claims to ownership in the mine but had expressly advised the defendant Mattison to stop throwing his money away, because as he said there was nothing to justify him in going ahead. The plaintiff also, according to the affidavits, told the defendant Mattison to go ahead and locate the claim; that it was no good and that unless he got it someone else would as it was subject to location.

It appears also in affidavits, that the plaintiff had told various people that he would wait until the defendant made a mine of it and then he would claim his interest. Almost six years elapsed before plaintiff made his claim to an interest.

It appears that the mine is a very rich one and the outcome of the case is watched with considerable interest. The attorneys for the defendants are H. D. Norton and O. S. Blanchard. The case is referred to a referee and testimony will be taken early in August.

TO ORGANIZE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Meeting Called to Take Preliminary Steps Toward the County Sept. Fair.

There will be a meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association on Wednesday, July 24, at 1:30 p. m. sharp to attend to several important matters.

One is to elect a member, as required by law of the board of commissioners of the Rogue River Fair Association, to serve with five other members, one each to be elected by the fruit growers associations of Jackson county and three to be appointed by the governor, two for Jackson county and one for Josephine county. This board of commissioners will have power to draw from the state the \$1200 that has been appropriated for a district fair in Rogue River Valley.

This appropriation is available for each year for an annual fair that shall be held alternately in Josephine and Jackson counties.

The first of these district fairs will be held in Grants Pass on September 10, 11 and 12, under the auspices of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association and the Grants Pass Commercial Club. These dates are the same as those of the annual meeting in Grants Pass of the Oregon Irrigation Association. The promise has been given Secretary Meserve, of the Fruit Growers Association, that the Medford and Ashland Fruit Growers Associations and the commercial clubs of Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point and Gold Hill as also the other citizens of the county will fully co-operate in making this fair a splendid success and the pledged both a large attendance at the irrigation convention and many exhibits for the fair.

MR. PERRY LOSES VALUABLE SUIT CASE

Stolen on Train Between Ashland and This Place—Thieves Captured.

O. H. Perry got back Saturday from a trip of a month to Arizona and Southern California. Mr. Perry has large property interests in Arizona and to attend to business matters was the object of his trip. He states that business is lively there as it is in all other sections of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Perry since coming to Grants Pass last Fall from Michigan has become interested in the fruit industry and has bought a large tract of grape land on the Applegate near Murphy and will begin this winter the planting of a vineyard that is to eventually embrace 160 acres. He is a strong backer of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association for he is a firm believer in co-operation and that it is through these associations that the fruit growers can market their fruit to the best advantage and the most profit to themselves. As Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico is a profitable market for all the common kinds of red apples, such as are not profitable to ship to New York and other Eastern markets, Mr. Perry at the request of Manager Meserve, of the Fruit Growers Association, called on a number of the fruit dealers in that section and arranged for those whom he found strictly reliable to correspond with Manager Meserve relative to their handling Rogue River apples this Fall. Mr. Perry, while on the trip narrowly escaped losing \$27,000 in securities and other valuable papers, which he had in his suitcase. He was unable to get a sleeper from San Francisco here and had to ride in a chair car. Dropping off to sleep as he passed Ashland and on awakening at Medford he found that his suitcase was gone. Suspecting two young men who sat behind him and who had left the train, Mr. Perry left the train at Medford and gave their description to the police at that place and by telephone to the officers of the other towns of the Valley. He returned to Ashland at once and he and Marshal Irwin of that place began an energetic search for the thieves. Suspecting that they had gotten off the train at Talent or Phoenix, Mr. Perry and the marshal kept a watch of the railroad track and soon the young men came walking along. They protested their innocence and objected to being arrested but Marshal Irwin soon got that idea out of their heads and a pair of handcuffs on each of their wrists. On being searched the valuables were found and they confessed and told where the suitcase was hid. On recovering it, Mr. Perry found that the thieves had destroyed it in opening it. The culprits were given a hearing at Ashland and not being able to give bonds were lodged in jail at Jacksonville to await trial in the circuit court, the result of which will be at least a five year's term in the penitentiary.

Miss Harriet Scoville, editor of the Canyonville Echo, spent Sunday and Monday in Grants Pass visiting her parents. The entire Scoville family with the exception of Miss Marjorie sent Sunday together for the first time in several years. Miss Roth is and has been for the past several months postmistress at Placer, with Miss Marjorie as assistant.

TO VISIT OUR HUSTLING NEIGHBOR

Grants Pass Business Men and Fruit Men Will Visit Medford Aug. 8.

The Fruit Growers Association and the Commercial Club have arranged for an excursion to Medford on Thursday, August 8 to attend the annual midsummer meeting of the Oregon Horticultural Society. As a special low rate has been granted by the Southern Pacific there will be present a large number of fruit growers and others interested in the fruit industry from all sections of Oregon as well as many from Washington and California who will take advantage of the occasion to see Rogue River Valley, of which they have heard so much.

The Medford business men and Jackson county fruit growers are making extensive preparations to entertain their guests. The sessions of the Oregon Horticultural Society will continue for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The forenoon of each day will be devoted to inspecting the many fine orchards about Medford, some containing as large as 400 acres. The visitors will be taken in automobiles, of which there are some 60 owned by business men and fruit growers in and about Medford, to visit the orchards and to view the many attractions of that section of Rogue River Valley. The afternoons and evenings will be devoted to the sessions of the Horticultural Society. The program will embrace addresses by specialists from the Oregon Agricultural College and by the leading fruit growers of Hood River and other sections of Oregon.

Every fruit grower in Josephine county who expects to make money out of his orchard should attend this meeting of the Oregon Horticultural Society. To put in the three days in listening to the addresses, asking questions and in inspecting the fine orchards about Medford will make it equal to a salary of not less than \$25 a day to each fruit grower of this county. Fruit growing is a science and \$3 a box can not be grown by merely sitting on a spring seat like rarely 90 cents a bushel wheat or \$12 a ton hay, the one yielding a return of \$1200 an acre per year and the two others \$35 to \$75 an acre. Any fellow with plenty of muscle can grow wheat or hay but it takes as much brains to grow fruit as it does to conduct a bank or a store or operate a railroad. The farmer who attempts to grow fruit and will not read and attend fruit growers meetings had better cut down his trees and thereby

avoid bankruptcy and a call from the sheriff.

Then the business men of Grants Pass should go on this excursion to Medford. It is to their interest to heartily co-operate in the development of an industry that will bring in so much cash trade to them as will the orchards. And then they should take a trip to Medford and look over the three fine banks, the stores crowded with customers, and take their turn with the crowd at getting a meal at a restaurant or a bed at a hotel, and note the activity and general prosperity of the town. A trip to Medford would do more to arouse the conservative element and boostbacks of Grants Pass than all the boosting that the Commercial Club and the newspapers can do. Then it will do the hustlers of Grants Pass good to take the trip to Medford and see how the hustlers of that live town get a move on and what they have accomplished.

PITCHER PERNOLL JOINS PORTLAND TEAM

McCredie Gets Busher From Grants Pass to Try Out on League Diamond.

Pernoll, the star twirler of Grants Pass, Ore., who pitched the 14 inning game against Medford Sunday and lost, 2 to 1, joined McCredie's team Wednesday to have a try-out on the slab for Portland. It was announced in the Telegram two months ago that he would join the team in July. He comes with an enviable reputation for work in bush leagues and was recommended to McCredie by Virgil Garvin.

Pernoll fanned 21 men in the game Sunday and was only touched for six hits in 14 innings. He was also the star batter of the day. He is a left handed batter and was pitted against a southpaw, but managed to get a two-bagger in the fourth, a home run in the seventh and a single in the 13th. In the 10th he got to base on errors and stole around to third when there was only one out, but his team mates could not bring him in.

Of course, all his performances have been in bush company, but Garvin said a year ago he was a coming man. McCredie has been so well satisfied with Hartman, whom he picked up from a similar league, he will give Pernoll a full chance.—Telegram.

J. Wokle went to West Fork the fore part of the week to prepare camp about 13 miles from the station. On Thursday Mrs. Wokle and daughters and Miss Lacosta Mangum joined him and took up camp life for several weeks.

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