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## CENTRAL POINT'S NEW CREAMERY A SUCCESS

Neighboring Town's Industry Proving to Be a Splendid Money Maker.

The Central Point Herald gives the following account of the success that is being made of the creamery at that place:

The Central Point Creamery made a record last month, the price of cream paid patrons being the best paid by any similar concern in the valley.

For a couple of months previous to this the price fell to a lower figure than the ruling price for first-class cream and there was naturally some dissatisfaction among the patrons. At the annual meeting of the stockholders, early in July, the fact was made patent that something had to be done and the board of directors decided to place the management of the plant fully in the hands of E. Brewster, who had been acting as the capacity of buttermaker for several months. Mr. Brewster is an expert in the creamery business, not only as a butter maker, but as a business manager, and the action of the directors in giving him more power in managing the plant has proved wise.

Practically all of the output of the creamery is now marketed in this valley, Medford alone using a large quantity of the excellent product every month. The price received there at present is the top Portland price and a considerable saving in freight and express charges is now being effected by marketing the butter near home.

The creamery is now on good footing and all that is needed to make it everything that its most sanguine promoters ever hoped for is more cream. Dairymen of the valley should patronize this creamery since it is run on the co-operative plan and is owned by and operated in the interests of the farmers and dairymen.

The management hope to install an ice plant in connection with the creamery next season, as by so doing they can make a big saving on their own ice, besides supplying a citizen of the town with ice, a service now consumed being hauled in small quantities from the neighboring towns.

## Soldiers and Sailors Reunion

The 15th annual reunion of the Oregon Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Association will be held in Grants Pass, September 6th to 9th.

The business men of Grants Pass responded enthusiastically to the fund several hundred dollars necessary to make it a success and the officers of the Association are at work planning the details of one of the best reunions ever held in the past 15 years. The following are the officers of the Association: A. J. T. Smith, colonel, old Hill, T. E. Hills, adjutant, Grants Pass; Ed E. White, Lieutenant Colonel, Ashland; A. J. Morris, major, Grants Pass; Milton Berry, quartermaster, Ashland; J. S. Smith, captain, Ashland; Frank Kaashofer, chief of Artillery, Jacksonville; F. Stewart, assistant adjutant, Medford.

The pleasure seeking party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Will L. Ireland and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Riddle, started early Monday morning for Clear Lake, on a jaunt of two weeks duration. They went prepared for all kinds of weather and anticipated having an enjoyable time.

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## FRUIT GROWERS MUST WATCH THE NURSERIES

California Buyer Intimates That Infected Trees are Being Shipped into Oregon.

Jno. T. Ames, representing the large fruit buying firm of Simpson-Hack Fruit Co., which handles about half of all the fruit which goes into Los Angeles, has come up to Grants Pass to see about buying another big lot of fine apples. Last season Mr. Ames purchased the large Eismann crop of apples and so well pleased were they with the product that the firm decided to send Mr. Ames up here to try and capture another nice lot of the delicious output of this valley.

In speaking of fruit conditions here and elsewhere, Mr. Ames took occasion to very highly compliment this section upon being able to produce such fine fruit and he also remarked that this was one of the very few places where the pests were not very much in evidence. But he sounds a note of warning to the fruit growers of this valley in that they should be very guarded regarding the matter of where they procure their nursery supplies. For instance, he says he knows it to be a fact that many Oregon nurseries are shipping in trees from California into this state and then are selling them in this state for home grown trees. Of course no such practice will be permitted by the watchful fruit inspectors throughout the state, if only they can get hold of any information upon which they can base a cause for action against the aforesaid firms.

Mr. Ames has just been in the Sacramento valley, which is famous as a fruit growing locality and he tells of how that region is suffering intensely from the pear blight and he sees disaster to that industry in that locality, if drastic measures are not adopted very soon to rid the orchards of the scale and other pests which are becoming so numerous.

This firm wants to get in touch with this section and to secure lots of fruit from the growers hereabouts, although it does not buy except at the inspection of its own people. In other words, the fruit has to be shipped to Los Angeles and there it goes through a rigid process and if it is able to stand the test, it brings the highest of prices. But, inasmuch as Grants Pass shippers were able to put their product into the New York markets in such excellent condition last year, it is not thought that it will be very long before this region will have established a reputation for having fine fruit and so its pack will pass at par in any of the markets of the country. This is a consummation devoutly to be desired and when that time comes, it will mean much for the individual grower, as well as for the development of the entire region round about this city.

## Notice to School Patrons.

The public schools of Grants Pass will open for the session of 1907-8 on Monday, September 16th.

First Grade pupils will be received only during the month of September, and not later than October 14th. After this date, the first grade will receive beginning pupils only during the month of January.

Pupils who have not been previously enrolled in schools of Grants Pass are requested to call at the office of the Superintendent for examination and assignment before the opening day of school. This also applies to pupils who have been doing school work during vacation with view to taking examinations before entering some particular grade.

The superintendent's office will be open Thursday afternoon, September 12th and all day on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14th. The superintendent will be glad to meet parents on these days to confer with them on school matters.

All prospective high school students, either previously enrolled or not, are requested to meet with the principal and high school teachers on the dates above mentioned. The superintendent, principal and teachers will be glad to meet parents and high school students and to advise them as to the course of study, etc. 8-30 3t

R. W. CLARKE, Chairman, R. R. TURNER, Supt. Dance records for disc talking machines at the Music store.

## THE BIG FAIR PLANS ARE NOW PROGRESSING NICELY

Everything Indicates that the Coming Event will Be a Great Success In Every Particular.

Plans for the approaching fifth annual Irrigation Association of Oregon, which is to convene in Grants Pass next week, are progressing nicely and everything goes to indicate that it will be one of the most important gatherings of its kind, in point of the number of speakers and the attendance, ever held in Oregon, or for that matter, on the Pacific coast.

This convention will not confine itself merely to the important question of fruit growing, but will also deal with many other subjects of vital importance to the people of this great commonwealth. Anything that tends to develop and better the conditions as they exist in Rogue River and in this state will be ably discussed by the many excellent speakers. One of the drawing features will be the presence of all the many government experts who are to take part in the great National Irrigation Congress, which assembles at Sacramento, Cal., next week and these men will take a prominent part in the many discussions which are to be considered. Such topics as stock raising, timber, minerals and the encouragement of manufacturing industries will be handled in a masterly manner.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the new Opera House, which has been thoroughly remodeled and will now seat fully 700 people, thus affording a most excellent place for such an important gathering. The convention meets each afternoon and evening of the three days designated.

Among the many speakers will be F. H. Newell, chief of the U. S. Reclamation Service, who will bring with him some five or six experts from his bureau, who will also take a no small part in the doings of the meeting, as they will take up various phases of the irrigation factor in developing the western coast. They will have to do more especially with the consumption and use of water, building of ditches, dams and other mechanical features connected with irrigation work. Farmers who are now drowning their alfalfa fields by treating the alfalfa plants as mere pood lilies and fruit growers who are flooding their orchards and are thus growing big, "punk" apples and thus rendering the danger from late frosts all the more likely, will find that the discussions of this convention are decidedly timely and of great value to themselves. They will learn that although their alfalfa fields are receiving more water, yet they are decreasing in the real value of their market value, and that their orchards which have in years gone by rarely ever failed, now have an uncertain yield.

The forestry problem is one of untold value and importance to the west and particularly to Southern Oregon and this timely topic will be handled in a masterly way by Gifford Pinchot, the chief of the government forestry service and he too will have with him several of the experts from his department, to render much assistance in handling the many subjects along this line. As irrigation is Southern Oregon is very largely dependent upon forestry, it will be a subject of vital interest. For, with the hills burned off and left bare and bleak, resulting in the freshets of the summer rains, pouring off as from the roof of a house and in winter the snows melting in a day, rendering flowing streams one week and the next showing a marked scarcity of the desired moisture, and also contributing not a little to the climatic conditions, the winters being rendered warmer by improved treatment and the summers much cooler, this matter will excite much attention and comment. Dr. Elwood Mead, who is a recognized authority on irrigation laws and water usage will be here. Press reports tell of his recently having accepted a position with the Australian government, taking hold of this kind of work, and

that too at a large salary. He will begin his labors over there with the beginning of the new year. On request of Chas. Meserve, of the local executive committee, Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture has detailed Mr. Mead to come to the Grants Pass gathering to speak on the Oregon irrigation laws, as well as on such laws all over the United States as well as of the other countries of the world. He will tell how our laws governing such matters can be made more liberal, thus enabling the freest use of water for irrigation purposes and at the same time be just to all parties concerned. At the request of Secretary Meserve, he has detailed one of the government experts to speak before the convention on "Dry Land Farming," as much land now cannot be irrigated and in the semi-arid regions where the rainfall is so low as 15 inches per annum good results are attained by means of irrigation.

Secretary Garfield, of the Interior, notified Mr. Meserve that he would send a government expert here to examine the samples of clays, shales, lime rock and marble, with a view to determining their value for manufacturing purposes, particularly with a view to ascertaining their uses in the making of tiling, sewer pipe, vitrified brick, pressed brick, coarse pottery, cement, and lime, for building purposes. The fair management want to get all the samples possible of clay, especially. When it is remembered that it has been proven that the value of a deposit of clay or kolin on a place is far better than would be a deposit of gold or a coal mine.

Among the speakers who will take a conspicuous part in the program and who will add much to the interest of the occasion is Geo. H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, takes "The Oregon of the Past," as his theme. He is probably one of the best posted men in Oregon on the pioneer life of the state and his address will be both interesting and instructive.

Another man who will have a part in the program is H. W. Scott the versatile editor of the "Oregonian," who will talk on "The Oregon of the Future," and as he is recognized as one of the men who have done so much for the growth and development of the "Beaver State," it is an assured fact that he will greatly please his many hearers.

"Tom" Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club and who has been dubbed "the chief hustler of Oregon," will be here to lend his presence to the august occasion and he will speak upon "Oregon as known to the Business Man."

One of the unique characters of the gathering will be Joaquin Miller, better known as "poet of the Sierras." His picturesque and patriarchal appearance will attract much attention. He will bring some results of original research in this state by taking as his topic: "The Undiscovered Oregon." He was one of the party which recently made new and important discoveries in the Oregon caves and he will give the audience the benefit of his efforts.

C. A. Malbouef, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon will take in the event and will speak to some length on "The Interest the Southern Pacific has in the development of the various Industries of Oregon." His remarks will be looked forward to with much interest.

An invitation has been extended to both Senator C. W. Fulton and to Senator Jonathan Bourne, and responses of a very cordial nature have been received by the fair management. Mr. Fulton, inasmuch as he was the Fourth of July orator here recently and as he has now a long list of appointments to address public gatherings, may be unable to attend. However, he writes that he is in

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## ROGUE RIVER WATER SUPPLY INVESTIGATED

United States Geological Survey Looking up Supply Available for Irrigation.

The United States Geological Survey has undertaken an investigation of the water supply available for irrigation and other purposes in Rogue River Valley. Extensive cultivation, coupled with the judicious use of water in portions of this valley where irrigation has not heretofore been deemed necessary, has given such excellent results as to create an ever increasing demand for water.

This valley, of which Medford, Grants Pass, and Ashland are the leading cities, has an area almost as large as the State of Delaware, a mean annual temperature of 52 degrees, and a mean annual rainfall of 21 inches. Peaches, pears, grapes and berries of all kinds are grown in great abundance, but the valley is especially noted for the excellent quality, color, and flavor of its Yellow Newton and Spitzenberg apples, the production of which the soil and climate appear to be particularly favorable.

The upper end of the valley is drained by Bear Creek and its tributaries. This stream is subject to heavy winter floods but becomes almost dry in summer, and the low water flow has been practically all appropriated. Any scheme to increase the acreage under irrigation must therefore involve the construction of storage works or long high line ditches from the streams of the lower part of the valley, where there is a greater summer flow.

Regular gaging stations have been established by the Survey for the purpose of determining the daily flow as well as the monthly and annual maximum, minimum, and mean rates of flow on Bear Creek near Talent, on Little Butte Creek, near Eagle Point, on Applegate Creek near Grants Pass, and on North Fork of Rogue River at Prospect. Occasional measurements will also be made on Big Butte, Elk, Evans, Ashland and Wagner creeks and a number of smaller streams. The work is under the general supervision of J. C. Stevens, the district hydrographer for Oregon.

Henry Oden, a leading citizen of Wimer was in this city yesterday, doing some trading and looking in on his friends here. He reports things as moving along in a very satisfactory manner on his way.

## GRANTS PASS VERY GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

Death Rate Exceedingly Low Here and Only Old People Seem to Die

One of Grants Pass' leading undertakers remarked to the Courier news gatherer that this was an exceptionally healthful climate and in proof of his assertion, he added that his firm had only had about 100 funerals during the past 12 months, although the said firm draws business from a territory some 90 miles distant. He also took occasion to say that in most instances the ages of those who died hereabouts usually ranged somewhere near that of 75 years, the cases of young people being decidedly rare. During the past summer there were only three or four infants to die in this locality, something remarkable for this season of the year, other localities much smaller having many times this number. Such statistics are of vital importance and go to show conclusively that this is in very truth a healthy locality.

A rather novel runaway made things pretty lively on South Sixth street, shortly after noon, yesterday. G. W. Grout was unloading some brick into a car at the railroad track and in doing so he unguardedly removed the brick from the wagon bed, except that portion on the rear end and all at once without any sign whatever, the dump boards tipped up, precipitating Mr. Grout to terra firma and giving the team such a fright that they fairly flew over the ground. The heavy wagon barely missed the big fair arch which spans Sixth street, where the hind gearing was left and then sped up the thoroughfare at a break-neck speed, encountering the hydrant used by the sprinkling cart at the corner of A and Sixth, which was given a big jolt, and there the rest of the wagon was deposited, while the horses went flying on. The damage was comparatively slight as to what it might have been, but the affair drew a good sized crowd of interested spectators to witness the flood of water that came from the broken pipes for several minutes.

Jos. Moss, the well known realty dealer has moved his quarters from the old place, across from the Hotel Josephine, where he has been situated for the past eight years to the building generally known as the Axtell block, opposite the postoffice, on Sixth street, where he has very nice quarters.

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