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Some of the Woodburn merchants have been giving their customers short weight and now they are in the toils of the law. The state inspector will soon round up the cities and towns of Southern Oregon.

Many persons are taking advantage of the depressed financial market and, acting upon the "pointer" which Mr. Harriman had given them they are investing their small savings in bonds and stocks, expecting to see the price soon begin to pick up again.

Now that the special low railroad rates from the East are still being given until the first of the year, we can have our friends and relatives who are already beginning to shiver, in anticipation of a long winter season, come out here and enjoy life in this ideal climate.

Editor Murray, of the Klamath Republican tells of at least one man in that region who does not propose to let go his worldly possessions for some other locality. Josephine county has many such people and they are growing more numerous every day, too.

When we read of the presidents of the big life insurance companies and the Wall street gamblers being sent to the penitentiary for their wrong doings, it certainly gives us ample cause to believe that day when better things are expected, is not far off.

These are the days when the "knocker" gets in his best work. He is having the opportunity of his life, in his vain endeavor to create suspicion regarding the soundness of the local banks. But he is "spotted," and his poor efforts will prove to be worse than useless.

My, but how the Oregonian "goes after" one of the prominent officials of Multnomah county! Even if he does hold the high-sounding title of "Judge," that paper shows not fear nor favor, but proceeds to give his record in a manner that would bring the

blush of shame to any ordinary individual who was taking the taxpayers' money and not returning any services. Such actions on the part of the great organ accounts, in a large measure, for the way the masses literally swear by it.

After having weathered the storms of the past six years, the Gardiner, Douglas county, Oregon, Gazette succumbs. Lack of support is given as the cause of the demise, by Miss Martha Howard, who has been conducting the sheet for the past three months.

These are the days when the calamity howler flourishes in all his glory. You can hear him say, parrot-like: "I told you so," and then he proceeds to diagnose the ills of the day, but he seldom, if ever presents a practicable remedy. He is certainly a delusion and a snare and a nuisance in any community.

Our cannery is making a record for putting up a fine pack and as a natural consequence, the big, wholesale houses are anxious to secure goods from this plant. Next year the establishment will be very materially enlarged and it will thus be enabled to handle a much larger volume of business.

We are glad to know that more branches of the Grange are to be organized throughout Josephine county, within the next few weeks. This organization seems to be just what is desired in the rural communities and it is accomplishing much good, all over Oregon.

Why is it that the Southern Pacific should discriminate against the people of Southern Oregon, by taking off two of its passenger trains and run them only from Roseburg to Portland? The service has been poor enough at best and now it will be miserable. Our people are highly indignant over such proceedings, and rightly so, too.

From all over the land comes the report that the prices of all commodities are to come down very perceptibly. This will be welcome news to the people who have to live on moderate wages. Of course the trust manipulators and Wall Street gamblers will not care a bean. In fact, they would probably rather have the high prices prevail all the time.

One of the noteworthy events in Grants Pass, this week, was the grand opening of the new opera house. The large and fashionable audience which accepted the kind invitation of Manager Kinney, enjoyed the program which was afforded there. We are indeed fortunate in having such a public spirited man in our community and it is due to his interest in the welfare of the community that we now have the largest and best opera house in Oregon.

With our fruit growing, extensive timber interests, rich mines and such things to back us up, what community can offer greater inducements to the prospective homeseeker? And, too, where can there be found a more superb climate than this? No wonder people are inclined to regard this as "God's country."

Our own Jonathan Bourne, by his honest endeavor to actually compel President Roosevelt to permit his name to once more be used for that high office, has "stirred up the animals," politically speaking and all the anti-administration organs are now turning their guns on "Our Jonathan." But he has a big bank account and, what is far better, he has public sentiment at his back. So, why should he fear what these fellows can do?

And so the railroads would show their hand by endeavoring to make capital out of the financial depression and if possible cause the people to blame President Roosevelt for the trouble! But they cannot fool the

American people after any such fashion. They have been watching the drift of matters and can see which way the wind is blowing. Instead of weakening the President, in the eyes of the voters, they have only added luster to his laurels. The matter is by no means settled. Perhaps it may turn out to be another case of "he that laughs last, laughs best." Just wait and see what the President does.

This week the school teachers of Josephine county have fairly taken Grants Pass, while the annual teachers institute is in session. We are glad to have them with us and wish for them a successful and profitable meeting. They are doing a grand work and we cannot begin to even estimate its importance. It therefore behooves them to make all the preparation possible and that is the very reason why they are called together, in order to have an interchange of plans and ideas.

We really did not begin to realize how solid our home banking institutions were, until the little flurry

came and some nervous individuals began to make inquiries along that line. If they had any doubts in that direction, whatever, all such should now be allayed by the fine showings made and published the last Courier. Our banks are good indications of the stability of the people of this region whom they represent. They are both conducted upon a safe, conservative basis and the depositors have every reason to feel secure about their finances.

In our "What People Say" department, we often quote people who think they have a complaint to make, but who do not care to come out and make it openly. They prefer to have their names withheld. Of course they may have a good excuse, thinking that if the real author of the article in question is known, then it will not have the weight it might otherwise have. 'Tis said that a "poor excuse is better than none at all," and doubtless this is one of the cases. We much prefer to have people willing to talk in public about such matters as they do in private. But it was

ever thus and doubtless will continue thus to the end of time.

A prominent "Business Man," writes from Ashland to the Medford Tribune, wanting that paper to help establish "hot air" publication to write after this fashion: "Well, The Tribune is all right, though it is full of hot air and balloon joints. That's what is needed to wake up these old mossbacks in Southern Oregon. We need a hot air paper in Ashland to get the leaders out of their Rip Van Winkle lethargy. Our two editors here are both good, religious men, but they have both been here so long in the same stall that they are too full of prunes to run a live paper in a town of 5200 people. Send us a newspaper man full of hot air to help us get awake. Our street commissioner has been walking in his sleep all summer, and our mayor and city council have plenty of pipe dreams, but this is as far as they get—they accomplish nothing. They are a little the drowsiest we have had in 10 years."

Greater Grants Pass
A Few Facts Which are Now Before Us

The Future of Grants Pass not to be handed Over to Capitalists.

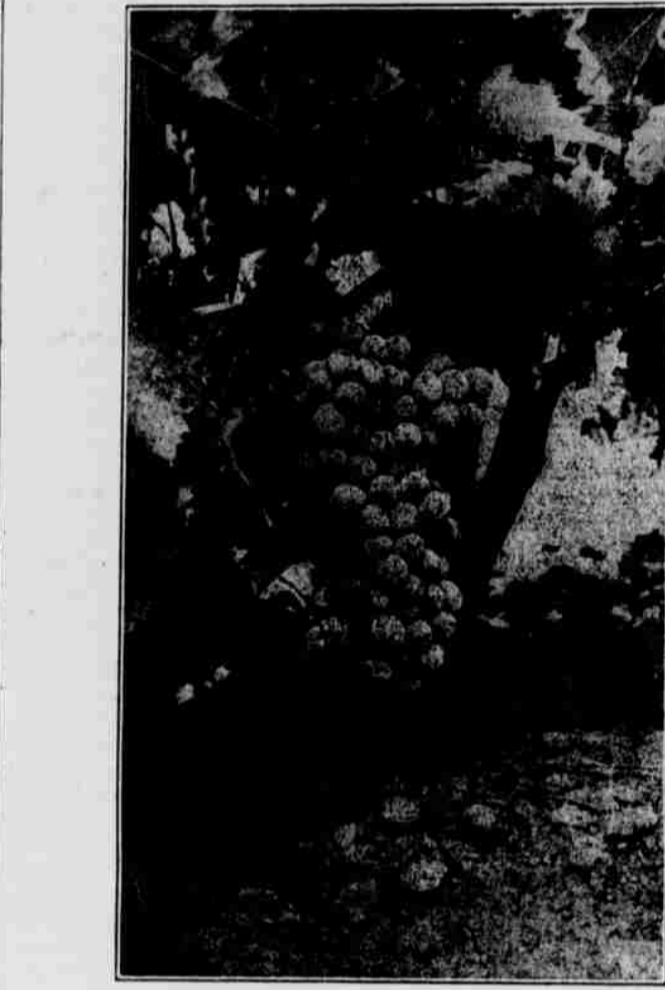
The grape industry if properly looked after by the citizens of Grants Pass will make Grants Pass a city four times as large as Sacramento. Sacramento was built and is being maintained chiefly from the products of between 20 and 30 thousand acres of vineyards; while Grants Pass has much more land tributary to it, which are more valuable for grape culture than any lands in California or any other part of America, together with all its other valuable resources. If you would pause and think for one moment what this means, you will readily see what these industries will do for Grants Pass.

Capitalists are now considering the purchase of large tracts of land for vineyards in this locality. They see the opportunity which we are apparently allowing to pass un-noticed. However, we understand that there is to be between three and four hundred acres of TOKAY grapes planted here this fall by people who live and are doing business in Grants Pass.

It is to be hoped that we will not do with the grape business as we did with the timber. Only a short time ago any one of us could have taken from the government 160 acres of heavily timbered lands and paid for it at the rate of \$2.50 per acre. These same lands are now worth from \$10 to \$100 per acre. Reader, look back for a minute on what you might have made in the timber business. Do not tarry long with your gaze in that direction, but look forward to the grape business. Do not let it get into the hands of large syndicates.

Out of the thousands of timber claims which have been taken in the past five years, not over four claims were taken by Oregonians who live in Rogue River Valley. Let us profit by our mistakes. The grape industry as it now appears is to be our salvation. If grapes continue to grow in the Rogue River Valley as they have for the past 33 years without a failure the profit would be many times greater than had the same amount of money been invested in timber, as the profit is increasing annually and continues indefinitely.

At the present time there seems to be quite a flurry in the money market, which now appears to be nearly at an end, which we believe will finally work out to be the best thing that ever happened to the coast. Reader, did you know that the banks of the Pacific Coast have on deposit with the so called strong banks in the East over one hundred and fifty million dollars as a reserve fund. What for? So if there would be a possible flurry in the money market Grants Pass for instance which has a large reserve fund in the Eastern banks, could wire Chicago and New York and send its entire reserve fund to Portland by wire and in turn wire Portland to send the same amount to them by first express. In this way return their large reserve to their own vaults within 12 hours. Never before in the history of modern finance have the so called strong banks of the East positively refused to transfer a dollar of these reserve funds and by having so refused, have they not done the best thing for the Pacific Coast which could have happened. You know the Eastern banks did not serve the purpose, therefore it resolves itself into a business proposition that not only the banks of Grants Pass but those of the Pacific Coast will never send their reserve funds to Eastern banks. You know that the burnt child always fears the fire. What will it mean to the Pacific Coast to have \$150,000,000 of gold finding its way into the business channels west of the Rocky Mountains, which I heretofore has been lying dormant (as far as the Coast is concerned) in Eastern banks. Since the



A FIVE POUND BUNCH OF TOKAY GRAPES

annual resources of Grants Pass are one million dollars, we can safely state that this alone means 150 more towns the size of Grants Pass to be built on the Pacific Coast or add the equivalent to our many prosperous towns. However, in the building of our town and locality, it is not money that we want, so much as people, people who have a desire and will to work towards building up permanent resources for our locality which cannot be shaken by the money gamblers. What could be more effective than grapes? See the different ways in which they could be handled. Were the entire Rogue River Valley planted to TOKAY grapes we could not supply the market of the cities of the United States to say nothing of foreign countries.

Reader if you have more lands which are adapted to grape culture than you and your family can plant and take care of, plant what you can and make it possible for a few more families to go into the grape industry, in our valley, by selling them the lands which you cannot utilize. Do not retard the development of your locality by holding on to lands you cannot develop. Turn them over to people who want to use them now. Reader, if you have not ten or twenty acres of land which you are going to put into grapes this year procure it now before the price gets out of your reach.

If we had 50,000 acres of grapes planted around Grants Pass producing \$300 per acre annually, figure the results. The present resources of our locality are about one million dollars per annum. Did you ever stop to think how long the people have been working to get our resources up to that amount? Over 50 years. How many acres of grapes would we have to plant to double our resources? It would double the population of the town. By doubling the population, is it not a fact that you will double the property values.

At this point we call your attention to the following affidavits made by many prominent business men of this city; men who have visited the Carson

vineyard and the Sampson vineyard; men who have been up to the Nelson place, where they saw over one thousand pounds of grapes produced on one vine without cultivation; men who are looking carefully into the future of this town and locality, and they believe as we do, that the grape industry will solve the permanent money problem for us. Something which will bring millions of dollars annually of foreign money to our town to build and stimulate all industries.

C. H. Sampson, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: That I am a resident of Grants Pass, Oregon, and have a small vineyard two miles north of town, which is but three years old, and that I harvested and sold one hundred and thirty-two dollars per acre worth of grapes from these lands this year.

C. H. SAMPSON,
Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public for Oregon.
Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 8, 1907.
E. L. CHURCHILL,
Notary Public.

Compare this with what they term the rich grain country.

J. X. Nelson, first being duly sworn deposes and says: That I am a resident of Grants Pass, Oregon and that I have one grape vine which is a volunteer and to my best knowledge I believe had over one thousand pounds of marketable grapes on it this year.

JOSE X. NELSON
Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public for Oregon.
Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 8, 1907.
E. L. CHURCHILL,
Notary Public.

535 vines per acre; make your own estimates as to the true value of these lands.

W. B. Sherman, first being duly sworn deposes and says: That he is a resident of Grants Pass and that The W. B. Sherman Realty Company has recently purchased from C. H. Sampson the grapes on two vines, which are within two squares of their offices and to the best of his knowledge and belief each of these vines now contains four

crates of TOKAY grapes and that these vines are but four years old.

W. B. SHERMAN,
Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public for Oregon.
Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 8, 1907.
E. L. CHURCHILL,
Notary Public.

TOKAYS \$1.75 per box, four crates per plant, 635 vines per acre, use your arithmetic.

The Realty Company has raised a tent over these two vines and will undertake to preserve the fruit on them until the middle or last of the winter.

We the undersigned do hereby swear that we believe the statements herein are true, namely:

That lands can be bought, cleared, and planted to grapes and cared for, for six years for \$125 per acre and if properly cared for would produce at least \$40 per acre the third year, \$80 the fourth year, \$160 the fifth year, \$250 per acre the sixth year and \$300 or more per acre each year thereafter for an unlimited number of years. And we further believe that the vineyard would be worth \$2,500 per acre at the end of that time.

- A. H. CARSON, Redland Vineyard.
- C. H. SAMPSON, Fruit Grower.
- LINCOLN SAVAGE, Supt. County Schools.
- H. L. ANDREWS, Secy. Commercial Club.
- W. H. FALLIN, County Assessor.
- GEO. S. CALHOUN, Merchant and Miner.
- R. H. O'NEILL, Merchant.
- W. B. SHERMAN, Manager W. B. Sherman Realty Company.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me a Notary Public for Oregon.
Grants Pass, Oregon, Nov. 8, 1907.
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Is it not a fact that these lands are actually worth at least \$1,000 per acre? Reader you can buy all that you want from \$20 to \$50 per acre. You had better do it now. This is not only a "Land of Milk and Honey" but it will soon be a Land of Grapes and Money.

The above affidavits indicate that we can make 300 per cent each year for six years on our investment. If a man would prove to you that you could make twenty per cent per annum on a ten years' investment, you would fall all over yourself to get it. Here is 300 per cent and with very little investment, very little if any risk, very little work to take care of and it doesn't take a man with years of experience in this line in order to make a success of the grape business. All that is necessary is to make a careful selection of grounds and attend to the plants well. The climate of the Rogue River Valley will do the rest.

We should all work together for the upbuilding of our town, county and valley. If you cannot boost don't knock. Do not worry over present financial conditions. Your money in the bank is just as good as ever. However, to remove the slightest doubts, would it not be well to make a change of base and invest in grape lands as the clearing house certificates are accepted at par in exchange for said lands and by so doing you will not only benefit your own purse but you will also assist in building and maintaining a greater Grants Pass.

For Choice Grape Lands!
See the
W. B. Sherman Realty Co.

YOUR DOG

If he is well kept, he is furnished by nature with a sleek glossy coat; a little exercise on a warm day gives him pants; everybody gives him cuffs, and you surely ought to be willing to furnish his collar. A good collar adds more to the appearance of a dog than a yard of pedigree, it marks him as a respected member of society—one with friends. You will find a swell line of Manhattan Dog Collars at

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