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GRANTS PASS AS SEEN THROUGH THE OREGONIAN

Editor Conklin of the Outlook interviewed and tells of Our Activity.

The following interview with Editor Conklin of the Pacific Outlook of this city which appeared in Monday evening's Portland Telegram is a partial verification of the old "saw" that we sometimes have to go away from home to get the news.

Brother Conklin went down to Portland a few days ago to look after business matters and encountered a Telegram man with the result that many other people will sit up and take notice that Grants Pass and this vicinity on the Rogue River are not only wonderfully resourceful, but entering upon a new and splendid growth which the soil and other natural advantages here so abundantly justify. Following is the interview and Mr. Conklin has not exaggerated one jot or tittle:

"Southern Oregon, according to report, is not only forging ahead rapidly in the production of fruit and grapes, but the various cities of that part of the state are making wonderful strides in population and developing civic pride, causing them to make many improvements. The outlook is said to be rosy, indeed, for the region as a whole, and Grants Pass is asserted to be in the vanguard of this noteworthy progress.

"It is asserted by Arthur Conklin, proprietor of the Pacific Outlook, succeeding the Oregon Mining Journal, of Grants Pass, that the city now wears quite a metropolitan aspect.

"One large steel bridge across the Rogue river will soon be in process of construction and another is planned; many street improvements are under consideration and automobiles are getting to be as common as other vehicles. 'Grants Pass is growing rapidly,' said Editor Conklin, 'and settlers in that district are coming from all parts of the United States. The immigration from eastern Oregon and from Spokane has been large. A number of settlers have even come from Hood River. We had a few arrivals recently from South Dakota.

"Many tracts of property large and small are being sold right along for fruit lands and vineyards. The keenest inquiry is for property on which to grow Tokay grapes. There is plenty of hillside land, with a south-eastern exposure, which exactly fills the bill for Tokay grapes. I have no figures with me, but think that an acreage of somewhere between 500 and 1000 has been planted in grapes this year. Tokays are usually planted because that grape is the best marketable.

"A. H. Carson of our section may be looked on as the father of the grape industry. His example was followed by a few, and in a short time the commercial advantages of that part of the state for producing grapes was realized generally, because of the superior quality, the firmness and juiciness of the grapes. Then almost everybody planted vines, and it is now a big industry. We have some of the best river land for apples of any place in the southern part of the state.

"Grants Pass has received a great impetus this last year and the population has increased from about 2000 to 5000 or 6000. The Commercial Club has taken up the matter of advertising the district through the Southern Pacific; we are getting up a 64-page pamphlet, descriptive of our climate, natural advantages, resources and other desirable features, and 3000 of them will be placed in circulation. They will be distributed from railway stations and many of them will be sent to persons making inquiry by letter. The amount raised for advertising purposes is about \$3000. All the real estate dealers are inserting advertisements in the Eastern newspapers and in realty journals.

"The city is also making a movement toward development in the way of paving the streets. The city council has this matter under consideration, and as the sentiment is strongly in favor of such a step, there is no question that ordinances authorizing the work will be adopted. The Commercial Club is proving a valuable factor in the progress of the community. Its secretary, H. L. Andrews, is a wide-awake man, who is giving general satisfaction. The membership of the club is more than 100. It is doing

everything possible to send Josephine county ahead. 'The county court has just awarded a contract for the building of a double span steel bridge, with concrete pillars, across the Rogue River, at the foot of Sixth street, and is thinking of putting in another across the river lower down.

"This spring a number of brick buildings are to go up in the business section of the city and considerable activity is shown in the building of residences in the Lincoln Park Addition. Bungalows seem to be the design most favored. Nine handsome residences are in course of erection in that part of the city alone. Empty houses are hard to find in Southern Oregon towns just now.

"This winter unusual activity has been shown in the placer mining districts of Josephine County and some splendid runs have been made. Development is progressing swiftly on quartz properties, also.

"Our two box factories are again in active operation and hope to get sufficient orders to keep them busy through the season. The saw mills will start up as soon as the condition of hauling are favorable. The demand for lumber this year is expected to be larger than in any previous year.

"The Grants Pass cannery made a good run last year and was able to dispose of its entire product as soon as the season closed. This year the intention of the management is to employ more hands and double the capacity of the plant. Already contracts have been signed or the output of a large acreage of fruit and vegetables. At this season the cannery is turning out vinegar and the Sampson spray for fruit trees.

"Nearly every real estate man at Grants Pass intends to buy an automobile this year. New arrivals as a rule have touring cars, and the reality agents do not intend taking back seats. For this reason in large measure the county will devote special attention this year to bettering the condition of the roads.

"Mr. Conklin came to Portland last Friday to attend to business matters connected with his paper. He is accompanied by his wife. They will return to Grants Pass the latter part of this week."

A GRANTS PASS BOY MARRIES VALLEJO BELLE

In a ceremony of the utmost simplicity, "Jack" Galvin, editor of the Vallejo News, formerly of Grants Pass, Ore., and Miss Jewel Harris, one of Vallejo's fairest and most popular girls, plighted their troth in St. Vincent's Church at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and left on the 9:45 o'clock trip of the Southern Pacific on their honeymoon. The brief ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Clyne of Benicia and immediately upon its conclusion the party was driven to the home of the bride's parents on Carolina street, where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served and numerous toasts proposed and responded to. The young couple were given a noisy farewell at Georgia street wharf and were showered with rice at Vallejo Junction. Mr. Galvin and his bride spent the day in an automobile ride and late in the afternoon dined at an elegant dinner in Thompson's Cafe. From the city the couple went to Del Monte and Carmel by the Sea, where they will remain a week on their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in Vallejo.

Mrs. Galvin is a native daughter of that city and has taken a prominent part in the society of the younger set, where her musical genius was always in demand. She is voted one of the prettiest girls in the city and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harris.

"Jack" Galvin, the lucky groom, is perhaps one of the best known and cleverest newspapermen in California. For years he was identified with the San Francisco dailies, assistant editor of the superior California Department of the Sacramento Bee and is now editor of the News. Few men in Vallejo can claim a wider circle of friends than "Jack," and this popularity is State wide.

The future plans of the young people have not been determined, but they will probably occupy a cozy home which is to be fitted out upon their return to Vallejo.

Daniel Lealie, one of the mining men of Gold Hill was in Grants Pass last Saturday.

CANNERY IS TAKING ON A NEW STIMULUS

A New Building Will Soon Be in the Process of Construction.

With the beginning of the new year, and, indicative as well, of the new spirit of progress which has struck Grants Pass and the rest of the Rogue River Valley, the Grants Pass Canning Co. is making preparations for the coming season by the erection of a new addition and the addition of new and better facilities in the canning department.

The improvements include a new building 44x60 feet adjoining the present cannery. The latter building will be used as a ware house. The present capacity of the Grants Pass Canning Co. is 20,000 cans of fruit each day. The company has also ordered new machinery which will enable them to increase the output one hundred per cent. This new machinery is now in transit and will be erected immediately upon its arrival.

The Grants Pass Canning Co. now can apples, peaches, pears and tomatoes. In addition the company also manufactures and excellent vinegar and an apple spray known as "Sampson's Lime and Sulphur Solution," which has already gained a strong demand in Douglas and Jackson counties besides the home trade.

H. C. Sampson, the versatile manager of the Grants Pass Canning Co., advises the Courier that the demand for spray has increased more than 60 per cent since last season and that they have been kept unusually busy filling the outside orders the present season. This fact not only attests the quality of the product of the house but suggests the fact that a new industry is being established here in Grants Pass, which should elicit the attention and interest of not only the Commercial Club but the permanent residents of the county. The enterprise is a substantial asset of the commercial wealth and importance of the city of Grants Pass.

During the coming season the factory will employ over 60 girls and 10 men. The financial feature is, therefore, one which should appeal to the people of Grants Pass and the people of Josephine county, who are earnest in their anticipation of the future development of this portion of the great Rogue River Valley's possible achievements as a commercial center and a large city.

The company has already signed contracts for forty-eight acres of tomatoes and will be prepared as soon as the season opens to receive all apples that may be produced by the fruit growers of this section of beautiful Oregon.

Let us all stand up for Grants Pass Sister Eugene, Cousin Ashland, Brother Medford, Uncle Roseburg—all take the position that Grants Pass is behind the times—let's give 'em one more guess within the next six months.

NEW MINING ENTERPRISE FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co. Will Operate Entirely New System of Placering.

We are informed that the Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co. made application on March 17th for articles of incorporation, with principal place of business to be at Grants Pass. The company is capitalized at \$50,000 and we understand that the money has already been raised and the order placed for the machinery. The purpose of their machine is to dry and mine Rogue River bed rock, and it will be entirely set up after construction at Sacramento, Cal., and will then be taken entirely apart, and shipped to Grants Pass, where it will be reconstructed on Rogue River between two large barges or scows about 60 feet in length. The machine itself will be of steel and will be built on the principle of a coffer dam, except that it will have two domes, one inside the other to form a dead water space between the two domes. The sides are made of eight inch plates which work on grooves or slots, so as to conform to the uneven surface of the river bed. After dropping this dam in the river, the water is removed from within by means of an automatic

siphon which dries the surface inside the dam and enables one to work with a pick and shovel to just as good advantage as though on a dry bar. The arrangements for procuring the material necessary in the construction work of this machine is just being completed at San Francisco and Sacramento and it will require four to five carloads of steel and iron for the work.

It is expected that Frank L. Gilman, the inventor of the machine, will arrive in Grants Pass about April 15th to superintend the construction of the barges needed in the work, and by the time they are completed the material for the machine itself will be on the ground. The company expects to complete its construction work by June 25th and by July 1st the machine will have been floated down the river to the place where actual operations are to commence.

If this machine will do what is claimed for it by its exponents and the numerous engineers who have passed so favorably on its feasibility, the stockholders in the Gilman Bed Rock Mining Co. are sure to reap a rich harvest—and we naturally wish them every success.

SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN ON IN ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

Hon. H. M. Calk speaks at Grants Pass and favors Statement No. 1.

The Oregon senatorial campaign was made a prominent factor in the local politics of Rogue River valley by the coming this week of Hon. H. M. Calk, of Portland, one of the leading candidates for the honor of being one of the representatives of this state in congress.

Mr. Calk arrived on the noon train and spent the afternoon calling on friends and in making acquaintances and in building a section to his political fence, and from the cordiality with which he was greeted and the large number of Statement No. 1 supporters that he met the outlook appeared very encouraging that he would carry Josephine county at the primary election, and also at the June election, provided he get the nomination at the April election.

In the evening Mr. Calk spoke at the Opera House outlining his position on the various public questions.

Owing to the absence from the city of the person who was expected to do the advertising for the meeting but little publicity was given it and consequently there was only a fair sized audience present. Mr. Calk has a strong personality and he is a forceful speaker who can make his points in few words and readily understood by his hearers. His address was a clean-cut statement of how he stood on the matters of vital interest to the people of Oregon and he made no personalities or unfair allusions of his opponents in the senatorial race. On Statement No. 1, that is being fought so bitterly by the old-line politicians and the members of the third house at Salem to whom senatorial contest in the legislature is a rich harvest, Mr. Calk stated that he was willing to stand by the decision of the voters of Oregon in his contest for the senatorship and he should expect that the members of the Oregon legislature elected in June would stand by the will of the people. The deadlocks and corruption so often the leading feature of an election of United States senators by legislatures had made it imperative that the people themselves should elect the senators. On the control of railroads and trust revision of the tariff, foreign immigration, rights of labor, and on the other great problems that confront the American people Mr. Calk favored such legislation as would give justice to all, special favors to none.

D. H. Stovall left Thursday evening for Seattle, where he will make a selection of three four-cylinder power Winton touring cars from the Seattle branch of the Winton automobile company. The cars desired are for Mayor J. C. Smith, Doctor W. W. Walker and Doctor E. H. White, and Mr. Stovall. Mrs. Stovall accompanied Mr. Stovall and will visit friends a few days at Portland and Seattle.

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BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR POULTRY RAISING

Eggs Should Be Supplied by Home Production Instead of Shipping in.

(Special Correspondence.)

Ground will be broken for the Oregon Building at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle on Wednesday, the 18th instant, with appropriate ceremonies.

The Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing Company is asking permission of the city of Portland to cover 14 acres in the suburbs with plant a which will represent an outlay of \$1,500,000. Coming immediately after the definite announcement of the \$4,000,000 establishment which Swift & Company are to build during 1908, Oregon stockmen are jubilant over the recognition accorded this section of the United States as a packing center.

Secretary F. A. Welch, of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, is asking the co-operation of the various County Courts of the state in arranging for exhibits at the State Fair held annually at Salem. It requires forethought at the beginning of the planting season to secure attractive displays, which become of more vital importance each year in view of the immense number of newcomers seeking locations in Oregon.

Every one of the merchants in Central Point, Oregon, and many in Grants Pass are using special stationery designed in such a way that the low colonists rates are forced upon the attention of the recipient. Railroad officials on various roads have reported travel which indicates 30 trainloads of homeseekers now en route to the Pacific Coast. Fruit, dairying and other industries of Oregon have all been given their share of publicity, but poultry raising is rarely mentioned outside of the publications which are either devoted to poultry or have special department for it.

\$5,000,000 annually is a very conservative estimate of the returns from this industry to Oregon farmers, and yet thousands of cases of eggs are shipped in every year from the Middle West to supply the demand here. Expert poultry raisers say that the climate of Western Oregon in particular is conducive to very rapid and healthful growth—there is one community alone in Southern Oregon that annually markets between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of turkeys.

The series of meetings being held by Secretary Tom Richardson of the Oregon Development League, is focusing the attention of the whole state. At Ashland there were three enthusiastic gatherings one at the Normal school, a second at the Commercial College and the last in the evening attended by the citizens generally. For Medford's meeting a special train from Jacksonville brought 150 people who came down to participate.

Grants Pass was next, then Roseburg, where the substantial interest aroused was best evidenced by the raising of \$6500 for an immediate campaign. Albany and Stayton had meetings on Friday and Saturday. A Commercial Club has just been organized at Bend.

Get off the Porch.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein. He then created man and woman and left the loafers on the corner, and in due time they multiplied and then spread out on the railroad park fence, from where they overflowed to the depot and the sidewalk at the corner. They are busy chewing tobacco and discussing state and national problems that have vexed great minds. For diversion they make insulting remarks about ladies who are obliged to pass them. While they are thus engaged, the wives of many of those loafers are out washing for the neighbors and the helpless children are left at home to take care of themselves as best they can. There is nothing more noticeable in Grants Pass than "roosters" on the park fence.

R. L. Ooe is expected home Saturday night from his business trip to St. Louis.

GRANTS PASS BECOMING A CITY OF AUTOMOBILES

That Grants Pass is rapidly taking on city airs is further indicated by the number of automobiles which her people are buying. A carload of six new machines, all 20-horse power touring cars was received here last Saturday afternoon by Roy Wilson, the local agent for the "Tourist" and all went into commission Sunday afternoon.

Among the purchasers was Dr. Loughbridge, who will hereafter jerk people from the jaws of death a la automobile. A number of other contracts have been signed up and Mr. Wilson is expecting another shipment soon.

It is pertinent to suggest in this connection too, that fast driving is fraught with many serious and fatal accidents and that the speed machine microbes should be considered by the city fathers at an early date in the shape of a speed ordinance.

E. J. Porteous, superintendent of the Rogue River Mining and Development Co., arrived in the city Monday and met his wife and son, who arrived from Los Angeles Thursday.

Herman Wise, mayor of Astoria, arrived in the city Wednesday morning to spend a day en route south on a recreation trip. Mr. Wise is just recovering from an attack of the gripe and endeavoring to recuperate. He was very much impressed with Grants Pass and scenic surroundings. He left in the evening for Medford and expects to go down into California before returning home. Mayor Wise is one of those broadminded, genial gentlemen, whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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