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## MISSOURI ENVIES OREGON'S FRUITS

Visitors From Missouri Coming Wednesday.

## TO INSPECT OUR ORCHARDS

Meeting of the Fruit Growers Will Be Held at the Commercial Club Room.

W. P. Stark, president of the Missouri State Board of Horticulture, accompanied by James M. Irvine, editor of the Western Fruit Grower, published at St. Joseph, Mo., have advised the Courier that they will be in Grants Pass Wednesday to meet as many of the fruit growers of this section as possible. They are making a six weeks' trip through the orchard regions of Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Oregon and Washington to study the methods of western fruit growers.

The people of Missouri have learned to look to Oregon for intelligent information pertaining to horticulture, said Mr. Stark to an Oregonian reporter at the Portland Monday.

"The Missouri State Board of horticulture consists of six members and a secretary. Of the seven, four shall have visited the fruitgrowing sections of your state before the fruit season closes this year. Our secretary, W. L. Howard already has visited the state and studied horticultural conditions. Mr. Irvine, who accompanies me, while not a member of the board, is closely identified with the fruit interests of our state. During the picking season, T. H. Todd, treasurer of the Board, and J. H. Christian, vice-president, will spend some time in Oregon. Mr. Todd is an extensive apple grower and comes to study the methods employed by the growers in Oregon with such successful results. Mr. Christian is one of the latest fruit shippers in Missouri and will devote his time to studying the methods followed by the various associations of the fruit growers here.

"Undeniably Oregon is one of the greatest fruit sections in the country. Our state is interested particularly in the growing of apples and from the investigation we have made, coupled with our knowledge of the quality of the fruit produced in Oregon, we are convinced that your state is entitled to the fame it enjoys as a fruit growing district.

"Horticulturally, Oregon has a great many advantages over Missouri. In the first place both climate and soil are adapted to fruit culture and you do not have to contend with the unfavorable weather conditions and numerous pests with which our state is infested. You have practically no apple scab while our crop this year is seriously affected with this blight. Again, you have a compulsory spraying law. In our state it is optional with the grower whether he takes

this precaution to insure good fruit.

"You growers are organized and derive the benefits from systematic methods adopted in growing the fruit, packing, shipping and marketing the product. The Oregon orchardist also devotes his time and attention exclusively to fruit growing while in Missouri fruit culture is followed only as a side issue. Lack of organization and co-operation among the growers completes the explanation for the position our state occupies horticulturally.

"Missouri is long in trees but short in fruit. There are in the state 20,000,000 apple trees, probably more than in any other state, yet for the reasons given, the crop will be light. The members of our board are making a thorough study of horticultural conditions, the methods followed in growing, packing, shipping and marketing in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. This information will be arranged in proper form and submitted for the education of Missouri orchardists in the hope that the standard of our fruit may be raised.

"With the exception of fruit, the crops throughout the Middle West will be enormous this year," supplemented Mr. Irvine. "First the frosts injured our fruit prospects and then a cold rain lasting 20 days during the period of fertilization completed the damage. Farmers in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois never were more prosperous. Many of them own automobiles and instead of mortgage plastered farms it is not at all unusual to find the farmer holding mortgages.

"Our section of the country has quite entirely recovered from the effects of the financial disturbance last Fall. In fact, during the flurry, many of the smaller cities continued on a cash basis while their business interests apparently sustained no ill effects from the depression."

## TAKES A DOSE OF CARBOLIC ACID

Medford Man, Recently of New York, Makes Attempt on His Life.

Frank I. Nelke of New York, who went to Medford a week ago with his wife and child and rented a room, and was about to open a clothing store, attempted to commit suicide at 10:30 Tuesday morning by drinking two ounces of carbolic acid, after cutting his wrist with a razor. He was found shortly afterwards in the bath room of the Hotel Moore by his wife. Her screams brought doctors, who pumped the man's stomach, but he is believed to be beyond recovery.

Wednesday evening he made another unsuccessful attempt to end his life with a butcher knife with which his wife was breaking ice for him.

He is 36 years of age, the son of a wealthy New York merchant, and had been a traveling salesman. He was given money by his father to start in business here. He had purchased a stock of goods, which is now en route there. It is believed that worry over business affairs unsettled his mind.

Nelke died the following day.

Don't wait until you commence picking before ordering Hop tickets. Or see from the Courier office.

## THE R. R. & O. S. HAS ORGANIZED

Mr. G. A. Collins Is Made President

## AFFECTED AT SEATTLE

Construction Work Will Begin During December of the Present Year.

The Rogue River and Oregon Southern Railway company was formally organized in the city of Seattle, Tuesday of this week with Chief Engineer G. A. Collins, who has been here the past few weeks making the preliminary survey of the proposed line into the Illinois Valley, as president; H. B. Buddenburg, an extensive mining man of Seattle, vice-president, and C. C. Shepard of the law firm of Shepard & Flett of Seattle as secretary-treasurer.

The company is capitalized for \$1,000,000 or 10,000 shares of \$100 par value. Of the capital stock 4000 shares are preferred, the other 6000 being common stock. The company is incorporated for a period of 50 years and will have a board of five trustees, which number may, by a vote of the stockholders, be increased to nine. The articles of incorporation, which are herewith published, provide that the company construct a line with Grants Pass and Waldo as termini.

As has already been stated in these columns chief engineer, Mr. Collins, has been conferring with the county board relative to the construction of the proposed new bridge across the Rogue River at this point with a view to having the same a combination wagon and railroad bridge. Mr. Collins submitted plans and specifications of such a bridge to the board at its meeting this week. This bridge, according to Engineer Collins' figures would be what is known as a combination wood and steel structure of the Howe Truss pattern at a cost of about \$15,000 and would last 20 to 25 years.

The county board at this week's session decided to advertise for bids on two different types of bridge, said bids to be opened at the next session of the court, September 4th. The court asks for separate bids on a regulation steel wagon bridge and on a combination wagon and railroad structure of wood and steel as suggested by Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins has suspended operations on a portion of his preliminary survey for the present, pending the action of the court on the bridge proposition. If the county should not see fit to construct a combination wagon and railroad bridge Mr. Collins states that it will probably necessitate a change in this end of the line as now surveyed, in which event his road may cross the river at a point perhaps half a mile above the present wagon bridge or two or three miles below the bridge. It would appear that to cross the river at either of these latter points would be less advantageous to the people of the city than if the road crossed at the present wagon bridge at the foot of Sixth street, as this latter would give direct communication with the city park across the river.

However, Mr. Collins hopes to have the survey all completed and ready for construction work to begin some time in November or December, and to be able to let contracts to the local saw mills for the cutting of ties and timbers during the winter months. This would give the mills opportunity to run during the winter months when hauling out lumber in ordinary years would be difficult and the mills would ordinarily be closed down for the whole winter.

Following are the articles of incorporation of the new road, subject to minor changes:

### ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be Rogue River Oregon & Southern Railroad.

### ARTICLE II.

The objects and purposes for which said corporation is formed shall be as follows:

1. To buy, own, construct, maintain and operate lines of railway, to be operated either by steampower, electricity, or any other means of operation of railroads now or hereafter used for such purposes, for the transportation of persons and property with terminals at Grants Pass and Waldo, Josephine County.

2. To acquire by purchase or by condemnation under the laws of the State of Oregon, all such lands, easements, building rights and privileges as may be necessary for roadbeds, yards, sidings, spur tracks, station grounds, terminals and other purposes for the complete and successful construction, operation and maintenance of lines of railroad for transportation of persons and property in said counties.

3. To buy construct and maintain all such buildings and other structures for the reception and dispatch of persons and property, for the storage, construction, repair and maintenance of engines, cars and other vehicles to be propelled over such lines of railroad, as may be necessary and useful for the operation thereof.

4. To acquire all such franchises, easements, grants, rights, powers and privileges under or by act of any municipal or other public boards or corporations as may be necessary to carry out the other objects of this corporation.

5. To acquire by any lawful method under the laws of the State of Oregon rights and privileges for utilizing the water and water powers convenient and accessible to such lines of railroad as may be constructed or acquired by this corporation for the purpose of developing such power and thereby operating said lines of railroad and to build, maintain and operate stations and plants for the production of power by either steam or water power and particularly for the production of electric current whereby to propel vehicles and operate said lines of railroad.

6. To buy, build, manufacture, own and use any rolling stock, tools, machinery, equipment, personal property of every character, which may be useful or necessary in the operation of said railroad by either steam power, electricity or any other power now or hereafter used for such purposes.

### ARTICLE III.

The amount of the capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be divided into ten thousand shares (10,000) of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per share. Of said stock four thousand (4000) shares shall be designated as preferred stock and shall be entitled to a preferential dividend accumulating from year to year until paid at the rate of 8 per cent per year, and shall also be entitled to full payment of the face thereof out of the assets of the corporation in case of any sale or other liquidation of its assets before payment of any part of the face of the common stock and the remaining six thousand (6000) shares shall be designated as common stock and shall be entitled to a dividend of all the profits in the operation of the railroad over and above the accumulative dividend on the preferred stock, and shall be entitled in case of any sale or other liquidation of the assets of this corporation, to all of the assets not applied to the payment of the par value of the preferred stock.

### ARTICLE IV.

The time of the existence of this corporation shall be fifty (50) years from the first day of August, 1908.

### ARTICLE V.

The number of trustees of this corporation shall be five (5) but by vote of the majority of the stockholders at any regular or special meeting thereof the number of trustees may be increased to any number not exceeding (9).

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday of January in each year hereafter.

### ARTICLE VI.

The principal place of business of this corporation and its main office shall be located in the city of Seattle, King county, Washington, but it shall also have an office in the city of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Miss Anna Colvig came down from Ashland Monday, and after a few days visit with parents and friends in this city, will go to Portland to reside.

Aug. 27, Thursday—the Annual reunion of the Pioneers of Southern Oregon at Jacksonvill

## JOSEPHINE IS FORGING AHEAD

Climate and Soil Attract People of Other States

## THE WINTERS ARE MILD

Wonderful Diversity of Natural Resources—Respond Quickly to Touch of Industry.

Our county, Josephine, though not so well known as some others in Oregon is forging ahead and gaining a place among the best of our beloved state. Its residents have great faith in its resources which have never reached their highest possibilities or are still entirely undeveloped. The mountain scenery, pure water, healthful climate, active, industrious and friendly people are among the things that attract visitors from other states. There is nothing more beautiful than the view spread before us late in the winter or in the early spring, when the valleys are carpeted with springing grass, dotted over with wild flowers, and the surrounding mountains are clad in the white robes of winter time.

As Josephine County is just north of the California line its climate does not differ greatly from the northern part of that state. Though the temperature may rise 10, 12, or more degrees higher than in the eastern cities where prostration and death from heat is a common occurrence, such a case has never been known here. Though the days may be warm, the nights are always cool and delightful and one rises in the morning rested, refreshed and ready for the day's labor. There is seldom a night in the heat of summer that a little covering is not needed before morning. The winters are mild and rainy but it is quite unusual for the wind to blow while rain is falling so an umbrella can always be carried, and the people being used to the damp weather do not seem to mind it. Usually if a person spends a year here and then goes East he is never satisfied until he sees Josephine County again. It is often said if a drink from Rogue River is taken, return is sure.

The varied scenery of the valleys with swift flowing streams, the mountains with their evergreen forests delight the eyes of the most fastidious, and in summer a visit to the Josephine County Limestone Caves is a never to be forgotten treat. These caves are nearly 40 miles from Grants Pass, the county seat and its metropolis, and though the route for some distance is over a rugged mountain trail, a visit to this wonder of nature repays one for all the difficulties encountered in reaching there. Two entrances have been discovered, one considerably higher up the mountain than the other. From the lower one flows a stream of pure, ice cold water very refreshing to the weary traveler. No draught from cut glass bowl or golden goblet could possibly be better than this from any kind of drinking vessel that can be obtained.

Among the mountains surrounding the Williams Creek valley lies a source of wealth, the Marble ledge, absolutely undeveloped, though of late it has been taken up, some fine specimens quarried out and a few headstones made. The marble is of a dark gray mottled and the purest white in color. It takes a beautiful polish and is there in vast quantities.

On Cheney creek, about 12 or 13 miles from Grants Pass is another cave, though not so large or interesting as the Limestone caves but easier of access, and here is another deposit of marble, said to be very large but not so pure as that of the Williams creek marble ledge. Some lime has been made on Cheney creek but not enough to consider it as one of our industries.

Though for several years saw mills have been in operation in different sections of the County, the greater part of the time is yet untouched the higher mountains being covered with the finest forests. This great resource which is so far only partially

developed is only waiting for the building of branch roads, as there is but one railroad in the county, the Southern Pacific. When branch roads are built, these hitherto inaccessible forests will furnish millions of feet of sugar pine, fir, yellow pine, oak and madrone. The manzanita is a small tree or bush but the wood is hard, of a beautiful red color and takes a fine finish. It is principally used for cane and ornamental purposes. With wood suitable for all kinds of furniture at hand, a furniture factory carefully managed would be a great success.

When the facilities for reaching our timber belts, our mines of gold, and copper, our marble ledges, are provided by the iron horse, it does not require a prophet or one versed in the science of astrology to predict the future of Josephine county.

In an article printed in 1885 the author stated that the great staple of Oregon was then and would always be its mineral wealth; that when fully developed it would afford employment for millions of people and materially add to the world's wealth. Josephine county has added its share to the wealth of the world though men versed in the subject declare that the mining industry there is still in its infancy. With the developments of later years in lumbering and agricultural productions, mining will have to compete with both timber and agriculture to retain its place as first on the list.

The great need of this country today is irrigation and we have the water if it could only be utilized. The Rogue river with its great volume of water, the Applegate, the Illinois and the numerous creeks tributary to these rivers form a wonderful resource of wealth.

We cannot usually obtain water from the skies in summer, but these streams can be used. It is thought by many from the lay of the land that artesian water might be obtained but the theory has not been tested. Our soil teems with big things. The writer previously referred to, said that the distinguishing feature of the soil of Oregon and of the entire Pacific coast is its tendency to convert itself into fruit, and that the difficulty with trees in Oregon was not to make them bear, but to keep them from bearing too much. These are certainly facts in Josephine county.

While irrigation might not make great wealth for one person, homes and a means of livelihood would be furnished to many on lands that are now worthless. We have land all about us showing what water will do. The fertile Williams creek and Applegate valleys 20 years ago contained few farms that paid well. Today with irrigation the fields are green with alfalfa, two creameries are in operation, hops, grain, berries, fruit, all show what a combination of pluck, industry, good soil and moisture can produce. The farmers and fruit raisers are prosperous not only there but wherever irrigation, together with the other qualities mentioned has been tried. Where good wells can be procured it is possible to water several acres with electricity, gasoline or steam as motive power.

In conclusion let us listen a moment to the murmurings of old Rogue River as it rushes by to bury itself in the bosom of the great Pacific. "Only give me a chance and I can furnish millions of volts of electricity, I can run your mills and factories. I can water your land transforming thousands of acres of waste land into visions of beauty, making the desert blossom as the rose. Hundreds of years I have poured this immense volume of water into the sea, but am anxious to help you. Of all the resources of Josephine county, developed or undeveloped, I am the greatest. Only give me a chance."

And when shall the mighty river be given a chance to prove his power?

MRS. L. W. HOOD.

A young man by the name of Archie Kelley was taken on No. 16 last Sunday night at this place by the police at the instigation of the brakeman. He was beating his way on the blind baggage and when ordered off by the brakeman displayed a gun and refused to budge until he reached this point. When searched the police found upon his person two large dirks and a revolver. He was placed in the city jail until Monday morning when, after an examination by the authorities he was released. He stated that he was a dairyman by trade and had come from California en route to the north country to engage in trapping and hunting during the winter season.

## Last Chance

Good News For You—Listen!

You have seen Hammocks, but you've never seen as good a Hammock at a price so small as the Hammocks we are offering now—all at cost—to close out.

O'NEILL, The Homefurnisher