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THIS CITY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

Progressive, Up-to-Date and American.

RAISES FINEST FRUIT

Southern Pacific Advertiser the Advantages of This Wonderful Valley.

Many people throughout the eastern central states are looking for a place to settle where the opportunities for making a livelihood are better than where they now live. To assist these people, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has issued a circular descriptive of Grants Pass and the surrounding valley. The article is too lengthy to be given in full, but the following extracts will be of interest to our readers:

"Grants Pass, Oregon, is the busy, bustling county seat of Josephine County of Southern Oregon. The city is charmingly located at the northern end of the famous Rogue River Valley and is the diverging point for a vast agricultural, fruit, timber and mining territory.

"This progressive, up-to-date, purely American city of over 5000 population, offers to the Western homeseeker wonderful opportunities in all branches of industry. The necessities of life can here be had in abundance with but little exertion; on the other hand, snug fortunes are awaiting the man of energy, brains and small capital who will intelligently devote his abilities to the growing of the apple, pear, peach and grape in this land of sunshine, streamlets and valleys.

"Stop and consider for a moment the following comparison: Mr. Farmer of the Eastern and Middle Western States, cultivating hundreds of acres of corn, wheat, barley, etc., demanding untiring energy and quite frequently failure of crops from various causes, storms, blizzards, cyclones, intense cold, with the fruit grower of this famous Rogue River Valley, who by modern methods of pruning, cultivating, packing and shipping of his never-failing crop is realizing from \$300 to \$600 per acre per annum from apples, pears, grapes and other fruits; where the thermometer never goes below 20 degrees above zero, and storms, blizzards, cyclones are unknown.

"The Rogue River Valley holds the world's record price for a carload of pears in New York City last October.

"Covent Garden market of London, England, demands the Rogue River Valley Yellow Newton Pippin and Spitzenberg apples, and is willing to pay \$2 per box f. o. b. Grants Pass.

"The Tokay grape is eagerly sought after by the markets of Portland, St. Louis, Omaha and Chicago and net from \$300 to \$600 per acre. There is a large area of fertile lands adjacent to Grants Pass which will raise this and other varieties of grapes to perfection and can be bought at low figures, varying from \$10 per acre up.

"The standing timber of Josephine County is upward of nine billion feet. Many sawmills are in operation throughout the county, employing hundreds of men.

"The time is ripe for the wise investor to identify himself with this wondrously resourceful valley. The opportunities for the safe investment of capital are numerous, including subdivision of large acreages of valuable fruit lands into tracts of 5, 10, 15 and 20-acre plots, upon each of which a family can become independent and provide for a rainy day. The fruit culture business of the Rogue River Valley is appealing to the over-scrupulous office men of the East and Middle West, and they are flocking to this balmy, health-giving beauty-spot, where their families can have the advantage of excellent schools, High School and University, as well as the wholesome pastimes of out-of-door recreation with the rod and gun the year around.

"Electric railroad interurban systems invite the consideration of the capitalist. Here the natural water power

is unlimited, the topography of the country being more than favorable.

"Irrigation offers the capitalist a highly remunerative opening. Many thousand acres of gently rolling foothill lands can be thereby made valuable property.

"Flouring mills, furniture factory, creameries, condensed milk plant, wholesale grocery and produce, saw mill and machinery supplies, etc., are among the openings for the man looking for a business location. The city of Grants Pass is provided with electric lights and power for factories and shops of all kinds, good sewer system, good water, good streets and cement sidewalks, telephones to all parts of the county. Among its industries are two large box factories, fruit cannery, cold storage and ice plant, two lumber yards, iron and steel works and foundry, cider and vinegar factory, bottling works, steam laundry, four hotels and good public buildings, including four school-houses; churches of all denominations, and city park upon the banks of the Rogue River.

"There is no section of the West that offers greater opportunities for the man of moderate means than the Rogue River Valley. Fruit growing, diversified farming, poultry raising, grape culture, stock and cattle raising, gold and copper mining, lumbering, merchandising, etc., are among the many vocations which offer unusual openings to the man of thrift and energy."

Heating Stoves at Hair-Riddle Hdq. Co's.

FRUIT GROWERS MAKING PROGRESS

Have Perfected Temporary Organization and Are Ready to Incorporate.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Grants Pass Fruit Exchange was held Tuesday afternoon. M. J. Anderson of the Forestry Service presided and early proved to the fruit growers that he was the right man in the right place, for he kept everyone good natured from start to finish and at the same time allowed no time to be wasted. The first business done after a temporary organization had been perfected was to give him a vote of thanks and it was adopted with a cheer. The temporary board of directors consists of Will Scoville president, J. H. Robinson, vice-president, R. Thomas, secretary, G. A. Hamilton and H. C. Bateham. The position of manager was offered to Frederick D. Eismann, but he declined to accept. H. C. Bateham was elected secretary. The First National Bank was designated as treasurer. The Eismann Bros. offered the use of Warehouse No. 2 for the season for a nominal rental of \$20. The stock of the new corporation is being subscribed as rapidly as those who have the matter in hand can get around and in a few days they expect to have the required amount taken.

The new organization starts out in a business like way and already has the confidence of the fruit growers and business men. It is confidently expected that it will grow into a powerful and influential institution before another season rolls around.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

To Provide for Purchase by the City of Plant of Water Company.

At a regular meeting of the city council last Thursday night the session was called to order by the mayor. Councilmen Fetsch, Kunsy and Lewis were absent. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting the petition of J. O. Booth and Alice Smith, asking for the exemption from the fire limits of the east half of Block 21 of the original townsite, was granted and the city attorney authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance.

On motion the recommendation of the sewer committee for the laying of a lateral sewer in the valley through block 36 of the original townsite, as per the request of petitioners, was adopted and the city engineer instructed to make the necessary survey.

The following bills were favorably

reported by the finance committee and on motion warrants ordered drawn in payment of the same:

C. H. Clements, telephoning... \$ 2 70
W. F. Woodson, labor on streets... 32 00
F. E. Hobson, engineering... 33 50
Cramer Bros, hardware... 20 45

Ordinance No. 32, relating to sale of fruit, sandwiches or other eatables around the depot on the arrival of passenger trains, was read the first time in full and the second time by title and referred to the health committee.

Ordinance No. 326, proposing an amendment to the charter in order to purchase the plant of the Rogue River Water Co., was read in full the first time and the second time by title and referred to the water committee.

Ordinance No. 323, relating to the construction of a lateral sewer through the alley in block 33 of the original townsite, was read in full the third time and placed upon its final passage, all members present voting in the affirmative.

On motion the city engineer was instructed to make a survey for a lateral sewer on West G streets, running west from main sewer at the intersection of West G and Pine streets.

On motion the city attorney was instructed to investigate the license required of the Electric Theater and report at the next meeting of the council. The city attorney was also instructed to look into the matter of a deed from the city to Joseph Wolke for a certain lot in the original townsite and report at the next meeting.

On motion the application of J. O. Booth and B. F. Banks for use of half of the street in front of their respective properties for building purposes was granted, with the provision that they keep a clear passage way for traffic along the street at all times.

Upon motion a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of L. A. Robertson for the sum of \$800 to apply on the sewer contract which he is now executing.

On motion the National Drug store was granted a permit to place an electric sign in front of its place of business on Sixth street.

There being no further business the council then adjourned.

Another Laundry Fire.

Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock the fire department was called out by a blaze at the Chinese laundry, conducted by Yuen Sing on F street. The fire was caused by an over-heated stove. Owing to the prompt turnout of the department, the damage was slight, only burning a corner of the building.

Yuen Sing seems fated to burn up, as this is the second time in the past few months that his place has been on fire, the first time the damage being considerable.

Shipping Much Fruit.

J. H. Robinson of the Applegate section was in town Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Rogue River Fruit Exchange. The Robinson orchards are busy places at this time of the year as all hands are hard at work picking and packing fruit. Up to the present time they have shipped 275 boxes of pears, 100 boxes of summer apples and 450 boxes of peaches. His main crop consists of winter apples, the picking of which has not been begun.

Satisfactory Crop

E. M. Austin of the New Hope district, three miles below Murphy on the Applegate was in town Tuesday with a load of cabbage, tomatoes and other products. To a courier he stated that crops under irrigation on the Applegate were all that could be desired, but outside of this prospects were poor. On his own place which is supplied with water he has a good showing of everything put in. Mr. Austin is an enthusiastic irrigator and makes the broad claim that water more than doubles the returns to the farmer.

Planting Tokays

George H. Parker, agent for the Albany Nurseries, is busily engaged these days in visiting his customers throughout the valley and is highly pleased with business conditions. He is of the opinion that fully 300,000 grape vines will be set out in this region this season and that fully nine tenths of them will be Tokays. The orders so far placed already exceed those of any previous year and the average fruit grower has hardly thought of placing his order yet.

Malleable Steel ranges sold on easy payments at the Hair-Riddle Hdq. Co's.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Discusses Irrigation and Electric Railway.

WILL MEET EUGENE DEBS

Advertising Campaign Bringing Hundreds of Inquiries from Home Seekers.

The regular meeting of the Commercial Club was held Tuesday evening at the club rooms with a large attendance of members. The committee having in hand the matter of providing an exhibit for the Seattle Alaska Yukon Exposition reported that they were taking steps to prepare an exhibit but had nothing definite to report as yet.

The advertising committee appointed to interview the county court relative to the making of an appropriation for the advertising fund reported that so far they had not received much encouragement but that the master was still open and the prospects good for receiving some assistance on behalf of the tax payers of the county.

The matter of finances was presented in detail by the secretary and after being considerably discussed a permanent finance committee was appointed.

Many letters of interest from prospective home seekers were read by the secretary showing eager inquiries from all sections of the country.

H. E. Gale, a recent comer who now owns the beautiful fruit farm formerly belonging to William Crow, made a request for the co-operation of the club in the matter of securing a change of the road to Galice Creek in the vicinity of Hog Creek, stating that the present road is very hilly and the proposed road would not only do away with the hills, but would enable him to plant upwards of 50 acres of fruits in addition to his already large orchard. The club pledged their support to Mr. Gale in securing the change.

Mr. Anderson of the U. S. Forest Service, called attention to the fact that approximately \$1700 was in the hands of the secretary of state for the benefit of Josephine county road fund, being this county's share of the revenues of the Forest Department in this section for the past two years, thereby demonstrating the fact that the present administration of the forest service by the department at Washington is beneficial in more than one way.

A communication was read calling attention to the fact that Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president, and other prominent personages would be in Grants Pass Sunday to address the people, and on motion a committee of five was appointed to represent the club at the meeting. The chairman was further authorized to appoint a committee of like number at any time when prominent persons should visit the city in the future.

Another important matter presented to the club was a proposition from Arthur H. Farnum to establish a creamery in Grants Pass. This proposition is referred to elsewhere in this issue. Many other matters of interest to the community were discussed, notably irrigation, which is talked on all occasions by our people, also the proposed electric railway.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings had for some time past.

GALICE IS A THRIVING MINING CAMP

A visit to the thriving mining camp of Galice is one that has been denied the Courier publisher until last week, when A. E. Voorhies and son Earle made the trip, returning to Grants Pass the next day. At Merlin the first thing to attract our attention was the express car loaded with peaches which was made up with the passenger train for shipment north. We were told that every

express train took its car of peaches from Merlin for a number of days during the season, then followed heavy shipments in less than car lots. After a good dinner at Massie's, a four-hour's ride in Massie's stage over a good mountain road brought the seven passengers and driver to the Galice postoffice and store of Barlow Bros.

Boiler making seemed to be in progress at the camp and the sound of riveting called attention to the Gilman Bed Rock Mining machine which was being erected at the river near the postoffice. Twenty men were engaged on the machine and in constructing a wing dam. They have their own camp and boarding house, convenient for work.

The Barlow store presents an interesting scene at night when the miners gather for their mail and to purchase supplies. Story telling and "joshing" are always in order. The interior of the store presents a varied stock from post cards to blasting powder and dress goods to drill steel. Everything is carried in stock and a burro pack train stands ready for delivery.

Galice consists only of the store, in which is the post office, hotel, school house, several residences and the Gilman camp, but it is a distributing center for a large area, and to this point gather the men from the Rand, Alameda, Harvey, the Seven-Thirty, and many other of the surrounding mines.

Two daily stages run between Merlin and Galice, starting from each point about 7 a. m. and 1 to 2 p. m.

SPIRITED DISCUSSION ON IRRIGATION

Report of Irrigation Committee at Executive Session Arouses Interest.

The Commercial Club at its regular meeting on Tuesday referred many important matters to the executive committee for immediate action and in accordance therewith a session of the latter committee was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday forenoon.

The irrigation committee's report was read and was followed by a lively discussion. The general trend of the remarks was to the effect that irrigation is the paramount question in this valley and that each and every member of the committee is in favor of supporting the first feasible project presented looking to the desired end.

A motion was also carried to the effect that the irrigation committee appoint some competent person to secure the signatures of property owners who would be willing to co-operate with the club on a general irrigation project.

Judge Durham, who had just returned from Portland stated that he had interviewed General Manager O'Brien and Attorney W. D. Fenton of the S. P. relative to irrigation and was requested by them to write an outline of the proposition so they could have the matter in a tangible form to present to the higher authorities. During the conversation it transpired that it was possible that the railroad company would be willing to place upon the market its agricultural lands in this county.

Making an Attractive Place.

The new corner drug store is rapidly being put in order, all the stock having been moved this week from the old location. The new store is now open for business. Mr. Sabir, the proprietor has been in the drug business for over 20 years, having conducted stores at Fargo, N. D., and Redfield S. D., before coming here. He intends to increase the stock of goods as rapidly as the wants of the people can be determined and to make a specialty of the prescription department in charge of which he will keep a registered prescription clerk. Mr. Sabir states that it is his intention to make of the corner, an attractive place and one that will be a credit to Grants Pass. The beginning made by him forecasts his making good.

The Grants Pass Box Co. is now taking up its July labor notes and hereafter will pay its employees in cash. The company has made a contract which to fill will require all of the lumber now in the yards and the making up of the boxes will occupy fully three months steady operations.

A Garland Stove or Range is always satisfactory and the price is reasonable. Cramer Bros sell them.

SWIFT & CO. LOCATE HERE

Means Bigger Market For Farm Products.

A. H. AHLF IN CHARGE

Swift's Representative Picks out Grants Pass After Thorough Investigation.

Capital has its eyes on Grants Pass, and the result of nearly every investigation brings an additional industry for the city. About 10 days ago A. L. Coffey, Northwest Manager for Swift & Company, was here on the lookout for a site providing he was satisfied that the business was here too justify the location of one of their plants. Before leaving he opened negotiations with J. H. Ahlf but left the closing of them until after he had completed his tour of investigation through the other towns.

A few days later he made up his mind that Grants Pass was the place and so consummated the deal. The Ahlf Packing House has been leased and Mr. Ahlf will have charge of the plant. This city will be made the distributing point for all of the products of the company in this section, being supplied direct from the Chicago establishment, including smoked meats, soaps, canned goods, etc., until the big Swift Packing House is completed in Portland, after which the Grants Pass establishment will be supplied from there. Mr. Ahlf states that he will be in position to buy the beef, pork, mutton, poultry, eggs and other products from the farmers in this section to be shipped either to Portland or up and down the line according to the demand, thus furnishing a market for all that can be raised by our farmers.

In addition to the men employed in the city to look after the business a traveling representative will be employed for the Southern Oregon territory. Grants Pass has the business and the location for new industries and her wide awake business men are ever willing to extend a welcome hand to bring about the establishment of all possible industries here. Swift & Co. are to be congratulated on securing the services of our townsman, Mr. Ahlf in their undertaking.

ELLA WILLIAMS GETS CHARGE OF BIRD SHOT

A rather peculiar and unfortunate shooting case occurred on the Applegate in the Bailey vineyard leased to E. A. Imbler and Geo Tethrow last Saturday evening. Miss Ella Williams, accompanied by several young folks, was returning from a dance at the Willis York ranch and crossed the Imbler & Tethrow vineyard. Wandering hop pickers have been bothering the orchards and vineyards in this section considerably of late and when Mrs. Imbler heard voices she supposed that the place was being visited again by petty thieves and determined that it was time this sort of thing stopped, so she took a shot gun and went out and before noticing who the persons were, fired, intending, she says, to shoot them in the legs, but aimed high and eight of the shot, which were number 4 and 5, struck Miss Williams in the face.

Dr. Loughridge was summoned to look after the young lady, and shortly afterwards Sheriff Russel went to the scene and brought Mrs. Imbler to town, taking her to the Russel home to await a hearing, which was had on Monday. She waived examination and was placed under \$200 bonds. Miss Williams is resting easily and it is hoped will recover rapidly from the effects of the shot.

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