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AN ALL IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING.

The subject of irrigation has reached a critical stage inasmuch as there are a class of people who seem anxious to defeat the organization of a farmer's irrigation canal company. The leading farmers of the valley claim that a farmers organization can secure cheaper water through their own organization than by any other means and to this end the best posted farmers are working. Strange to say that this time there are a class of individuals who, for the sake of making money for themselves, will attempt to bring to naught the best efforts of a majority of the farmers and the Commercial Club, which has been doing everything to insure the watering of the land, in fact the club took up the subject first, but it was handsomely seconded by the Fruitdale Grange and later by the Dimick Grange which latter organization passed a resolution urging the assistance of the people of Grants Pass in the improvements.

It has been fully determined by our fruit growers and farmers generally that the irrigation canals shall be built and owned by the owners of the land and that no middle man will be tolerated. The members of the Commercial Club are in full accord with the land owners and they are hard at work doing what they can to help the cause of irrigation.

Every man and woman in the county seemingly favor irrigation and if there are any hesitating it is because of misrepresentations by scheming parties who have an itching palm and think that they see opportunity to make money for themselves. Let the good work go on and the ditch be built by the farmers, for the successful completion of this enterprise means to more than double the land values under the ditch and more than treble the crop products. Not alone will the rural districts be benefitted by this proposed system of watering the land but the city will also come in for its full share of the coming prosperity. It is safe to say that a new era of advancement is dawning for the Rogue River Valley.

HELPS GRANTS PASS.

The Southern Pacific Railway has issued from the Sunset Magazine press a neat folder, 50,000 of which they are sending out, containing the colonist rates from all eastern points to Grants Pass. This folder has on it a correct map, showing the country from Chicago to San Francisco. It gives a vast amount of information which is of great value to all travelers and is an advertisement of rare merit for Grants Pass. Three pages of the folder are occupied by a very able article written by Secretary H. L. Andrews of the Grants Pass Commercial club.

Since the Rogue River valley, the center of which is Grants Pass, has become famous for its large orchards and delicious fruits, the Southern Pacific has made a specialty of devoting their best efforts in the way of advertising Grants Pass and vicinity,

and the result is that our Commercial club is taxed to its utmost to answer the questions posed by correspondents and to furnish general information regarding our climate, soil and productions. This great road is certainly doing its utmost to bring the right sort of people to Grants Pass and their efforts should be, and are, appreciated by our citizens.

GETTING DOWN TO WORK.
A tour over the country surrounding Grants Pass will convince anyone that, despite the fact that it has been rather a peculiar season, the work of converting waste land into orchards and vineyard, is going on at a rate that should satisfy most anyone. Many farms that have been lying idle for years past are being cleaned up, ground cleared for planting, buildings erected or repaired and in many other ways showing signs of activity. A little thing like an "off season" don't seem to have any effect on the people of this section, unless it is to make them double their efforts and make up for the shortcomings of this season. Intelligent people have noted the fact that it was an "off season" nearly everywhere and therefore they are satisfied that Oregon is as good as the best and a little better than most other places.

DOING GOOD WORK.
The irrigation committee of the Grants Pass Commercial Club is doing some highly important work which is quite certain to result in securing for this section the much needed irrigation of which we have heard so much. This committee is making a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together," and every member feels certain that success will in the very near future crown their efforts. It has been said that he who performs the greatest service to his country is its most exalted citizen. This is undoubtedly a true saying, and evidently there are some members of our Commercial Club who are working unselfishly to bring prosperity to Grants Pass, and these deserve the thanks of the people.

If in doubt, don't knock, but smile; get the straight of it and then boost!

The citizens of Medford have voted down an application for a franchise for a street railway, 255 out of 377 votes being against granting the franchise. It would seem as though the citizens of that city prefer walking to riding.

A justice of the peace over at Spokane has delivered a knockout blow to pugilism by holding that the art of slugging and being slugged is not a profession and that the followers thereof belong on the rock pile the same as other vagrants.

Every man of affairs from either the northwest or the eastern states are one in the wonder that Josephine county farmers and orchardists have not utilized the water of Rogue River on the lands. They say that if this river were in most any other vicinity all the land adjacent would have been under ditch before this.

If Representative Charles McDonald of Multnomah county is successful in securing the passage of a bill which he has drafted, cigarette smokers will be few and far between in the state of Oregon, as the bill has for its purpose the extermination of the "Coffin tack," as it is sometimes called. Even substitutes for cigarettes will be placed under the ban.

There's no use talking, irrigation must come. While the subject has been agitated before many times there has never been the unanimity of spirit in this direction before. Every farm under thorough irrigation will be worth double what it is now while the soil will produce twice to three times the amount of grain or fruit which it is now yielding, and of a better quality.

C. Clifton Page, for the past six months engaged as editor of the Courier, is now in Eugene, where he expects to engage in business. Mr. Page is a thorough newspaper man of ability as is evidenced by the great improvement in the columns of the paper and it is with regret that we chronicle his departure. Mr. Page's successor will be W. S. Constant, a man young in years but old in newspaper experience, coming from a family of newspaper men. He will have charge of the editorial and news columns of the paper and his endeavor will be to keep the Rogue River Courier always at the head of the list of Josephine county newspapers.

The excursion rates from the east went into effect this week and there is every indication that there will be more easterners out to see the Rogue River valley within the next two months than have been here in any previous year. All residents of Josephine county when writing their eastern friends who contemplates a

trip west, should not fail to advise them to have their tickets read Grants Pass. Many people all over the United States have become interested in this section, as evidence of which Secretary Andrews of the Commercial Club is receiving on an average of one thousand inquiries per month about this city and county.

Charles Christie Passes Away
Charles D. Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Christie of Wonder, died at the hospital in Grants Pass at 3 o'clock last Sunday morning, peritonitis being given by the attending physician as the cause.
Young Christie, it will be remembered was accidentally shot while hunting near Wonder by his friend Winfield Littlefield, 11 days before his death. He was buried at Deer Creek cemetery Wednesday.
The unfortunate young man who did the shooting is still held in the county jail but will be given his preliminary hearing tomorrow. Attorney Hale who is looking after his case having consented to await the return of Attorney A. C. Hough who was designated by Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey to look after the case.

The Mighty Hunters Return.
A party composed of E. L. Churchill, A. W. Burroughs, J. G. Riggs and Paul Blanchard left Saturday evening in an automobile on a hunting expedition. At May's creek, their first night's camp they were joined by W. B. Sherman and a guide and the rest of the journey was made with pack horses. They went 15 miles over the mountains to near the head of Evans creek crossing Battle Mountain and camped next on Skeleton mountain. They found deer very plentiful and succeeded in killing four, two of which they consumed while on the trip but the other two were brought back and divided with their friends. The trip was a very enjoyable one though not as exciting as these mighty hunters might have wished as no bear or other vicious animals were encountered.

Has Excellent Peach Crop
Some of the finest peaches raised in the valley this season have come from the Sabin orchard just north of town, formerly known as the Waters place. Mr. Sabin purchased the orchard in February and began at once to give the trees a thorough overhauling and cultivation, and the results have been highly satisfactory. He has already sold locally and shipped 600 boxes of peaches and will put out at least another 100 boxes before the season is over. He also has some apple and cherry trees from which he has taken some excellent fruit. Mr. Sabin is one of the new orchardists who has found Grants Pass all that was represented and he is glad he cast his lot with us.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Services Sunday, September 13, in the Redman hall, over the P. H. Harth clothing store. It is hoped to be able to meet in the church on Sunday, September 20. Subject for morning service—"The Church in Pain." 8 p. m. subject—"Watching An Innocent Man Die, or 'A Lesson In Mob Rule.'" The Whiston-Longman evangelistic team of Nebraska begins a revival service at the Christian church October 6. Mr. Whiston is a noted evangelist in the Christian church. Mr. Longman is a fine tenor soloist. Remember the date.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.
Christian Science Reading room, 117 E street, near Second. Services Sunday, September, 12th 11 a. m. Subject—"Substance." Wednesday meeting 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

BORN.
GROUT—At Grants Pass, Ore., August 26, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grout, a daughter.
CLIFTON—Monday, Sept. 7th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clifton of Merlin a 10 pound boy.

MARRIED.
MOODY—WITT—At Grants Pass, Tuesday, September 8, 1908, Clarence V. Moody and Mrs. Nellie G. Witt, Rev. A. H. Hollingsworth officiating.
This very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Moody home which had been decorated with vines and flowers for the occasion. The ring ceremony was performed while the contracting parties with Clint Moore, brother of the bride as best man and Miss Esther Moody, sister of the groom as bridesmaid, were stationed under an arch of green in the bay window, facing the audience, composed of relatives of the bride and groom and a few invited guests. After the ceremony the guests sat down at the prettily decorated and heavily laden table for dinner. The happy couple left the same day for a short stay at Ashland, after which they will be at home at Grants Pass.

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