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## ONE OF THE BIG ORCHARD SALES

Eismann Orchard Sold for Good Price.

OVER \$500 PER ACRE

Has Already Made Fortune for Former Owners—the Eismanns.

The sale of the Eismann orchard, five miles below Grant Pass, last week to Elmer Shank and C. C. Hall, was one of the largest real estate transactions which has taken place in this valley for some months. There are 64 acres in the tract, 35 of which is composed of apple trees in bearing. Another 20 acres is planted with apple and peach trees alternately but is not in bearing, though the peach trees will commence to bear next year, making at that time 55 acres of producing trees.

The 35 acre tract is one of the oldest orchards in the valley and has had much to do with the fame of this section as the land of the big red apple, and while it was making fame for Grants Pass it also made a fortune for its owners. The entire place is well equipped, has good residences, packing houses, spray factory, irrigation system, and everything else to constitute a well equipped working orchard.

The price paid was \$34,000, for the entire 64 acres and while this is something over \$500 per acre, yet it is not high considering the fact that one year's crop from the 55 acres alone amounts to over \$17,000. When the peaches begin to bear next year the return will be much more, and vastly more yet when the young apple trees begin to bear.

The Eismann Bros. have been successful orchardists, and they have studied the question from all sides, and while learning to combat the enemies of fruit have shown that a properly handled orchard is the best paying proposition that is known in this or any other country.

Chris Eismann will continue to manage the orchard for Messrs. Shank & Hall.

### Pastor to Leave.

Rev. Austin J. Hollingsworth has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church, to take effect the last of February. Reverend Hollingsworth came to Grants Pass in August, 1907, from Lincoln, Neb., and during his time here there have been 120 additions to the church and nearly \$2500 has been raised for the various church purposes. He has several calls from churches in the middle west, but has not as yet decided what his future work will be. He has thought some of entering evangelical work between the time of his resignation here and next fall, when

he expects to enter some accredited medical school to prepare himself for the medical missionary field, that being his chosen life work. His successor here has not been decided upon, though the church has under consideration several able men.

### JURY LIST DRAWN.

The January term of the Circuit Court will probably be quite a long and important one. The following jurymen have been summoned to act for the term:

T. G. Harmon, Deden.  
David Briggs, Koby.  
D. S. Shaffer, Wido.  
Orr Brown, Wierville.  
M. T. Galvin, Guts Pass.  
W. L. Babcock, Kerby.  
Frank Floyd, Koby.  
R. M. Robinson, Wierville.  
W. C. Hilderbrandt, Kerby.  
J. X. Nelson, Guts Pass.  
W. F. Bowler, Williams.  
G. A. Dunlap, Kerby.  
R. P. George, Kerby.  
J. B. Eberle, Guts Pass.  
L. C. Hyde, Williams.  
G. A. Savage, Guts Pass.  
B. F. Bull, Wierville.  
Andrew Giegler, Guts Pass.  
John Patrick, Guts Pass.  
James Parks, Kerby.  
W. J. Smith, Scha.  
W. J. Ott, Merl.  
L. G. Patterson, Guts Pass.  
Robert Huck, Guts Pass.  
W. H. Freed, Guts Pass.  
R. Mansfield, Guts Pass.  
F. A. Pierce, Melin.  
H. L. Andrews, Guts Pass.  
L. A. Heberle, Guts Pass.  
J. C. Kincaid, Williams.  
George Finch, Guts Pass.

### Newman M. Church.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Mr. Bert S. Reitz will sing solos at both services. Sunday school at 10, H. Gilkey, superintendent. Junior League at 3, Mrs. M. C. Findley, superintendent. Epworth League at 6, D. H. Stovall, president.

### First Baptist Church.

Sunday, January 3d. Morning worship at 10:30. "The Bruised Reed" is the subject of a pre-communion address. The right hand of fellowship will be extended to new members and the Lord's Supper will be observed at 1:30. The Bible school meets at 1:45, under the direction of R. K. Jackett. "The Duty of Making Good Resolutions," is the topic for the Young People's meeting at 6:30. Evening preaching with sermon by a pastor at 7:30, on the topic "Thou of Time." At the morning service Miss Nina Paddock will sing. Cordial welcome is extended.

### First Christian Science Society.

Christian Science services will be held in the W. W. hall Sunday, January 3, 1909, 11 a. m. Subject, "God." Wednesday evening service at 7:30 p. m. in the reading room in the Opera house block, room 5, north hall. Are cordially invited.

Principal F. A. Roberts of the Selma school spent several days at Waldo last week and this week in visiting his old friend A. L. Blodgett, at Williams. The Selma school re-opens January 5.

We wish one and all a Prosperous and Happy New Year

## WILL OF THE LATE R. D. HUME PROBATED

The will of the late R. D. Hume has been filed for probate in Curry county and by its provisions the widow is left outright the testator's property on Chestnut street, San Francisco, all stocks and bonds, \$20,000 in cash and some personal property. The mansion at Piedmont is owned by Mrs. Hume herself. Four or five nieces and nephews are bequeathed \$5000 each and the remainder of the estate is divided into 100 shares, of which Mrs. Hume receiving 16 shares and the nieces and nephews, some five and some seven shares each. This part of the estate includes the enormous land holdings and canneries in Curry county. Mrs. Hume is sole executrix of the will and she, together with Charles H. Warner, is appointed to administer the portion of the estate in California. According to J. S. Coke, attorney for the administrator, there will be no contest in the settlement of the estate.

January 4, Monday—City schools reopen.

H. T. Day and Miss Nellie Dement were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jennings on Christmas.

Miss Barker, one of the popular teachers in the public schools of the city, spent her Christmas vacation in Eugene.

The Nuggets have been disappointed in securing a game of basketball with the Medford team, and will therefore play the Ashland Athletic Club team this evening at the Coliseum. The Ashland team is a strong one, coached by Claude Swan.

The boys' basketball team goes to Ashland this afternoon to play the Ashland Normal school this evening. The boys have been practicing regularly in the skating rink, and Prof. Mickle, manager, thinks that it will be a close game. The players: Norton, center; Dykes and Spaulding, forwards; Bratton and Niday, guards. Subs., Letcher, Stanley and McCracken.

During the holidays here were a number of petty burglaries in the city. Schmidt's cigar store was entered and considerable plunder carried off. The thief was later captured and is now held in the county jail to appear before the grand jury. Several of the merchants reported light losses, but nothing of consequence.

Sheriff Russell is wearing a new Elk's charm, and one that is unique in the way that it was secured—in fact there is probably not another one in existence where the teeth were taken from a live elk. Some time ago Mr. Russell caught an elk, threw it down and then with a pair of pinchers pulled the two tusks out. The elk was then allowed to go its way. The two teeth make a very beautiful charm.

A party of Young men from this city will leave in a day or two for Seattle to enter the State University of Washington, where they will take a special three month's course in forestry to fit them for the examinations for positions in the Forestry Service. Those who will go are Melvin Lewis, Ira Tungate, H. M. Guthrie, H. V. Anderson, F. L. Colvig and Chas. T. Lewis. All the boys except Lewis have been connected with the Forest Service under Supervisor M. J. Anderson.

### Free Homes.

There is going to be a land opening at Roseburg, Ore., January 20, 1909. For lists, blue prints, maps with vacant lands marked thereon and full information regarding filings, etc., send \$2 to ROSEBURG ABSTRACT CO., 12-18-19.

Since the first of the year the county clerk has issued 771 hunters' licenses in Clatsop county. The licenses are \$1 each, and the money is turned over to the state. Over 1500 licenses have been issued in some counties in the state.

## WOULD CHANGE MANY NAMES OF PLACES

The Oregon Geographic Board has begun its sessions in Portland and the entire state divided into districts. The object of the organization is to replace all ridiculous and unfit names with ones better suited. Grayback mountains, for instance will probably be called Marble mountain, as there is plenty of marble in that section, and no "graybacks" that anyone knows of. Josephine County Falls in the division assigned to Will G. Steel of Portland. As there are plenty of names around here that are not so beautiful but that they might be improved. Louse Creek might stand a change and many others, where the names have not become sacred by long association or events.

### BORN

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Salvator D. Clarke, living a few miles west of Grants Pass, on Friday, December 25, 1908, a son.

### MARRIED.

WOLLERMAN - RIVERS — At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chase on East A street, Christmas Eve, December 24, 1908, Carl Wollerman and Hesper May Rivers.

### DIED

DIED—In Grants Pass, Oregon, December 28, 1908, Mrs. Karoline Karner, of cancer, aged 46 years, 1 month and 24 days.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Granite Hill Cemetery. The deceased was the wife of Gustave Karner. Her illness extended over more than a year, but in spite of all that medical skill and loving kindness could do, she passed away.

DIED—In Grants Pass, December 29, 1908, David Albert Eberhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Eberhard, of Aurora, Oregon, of appendicitis.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Hobson residence in this city, Rev. Alex. M. MacLean officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard and child arrived in Grants Pass a short time ago, and have been visiting Mr. Eberhard's sister, Mrs. Hobson. The little one was taken with appendicitis and it was thought an operation would save its life, but it died a short time after the operation.

At the last meeting of the city council it was decided to fix the rate of taxation for the ensuing year at 8 mills.

### Independent Company Organized.

The Citizens Telephone Company was recently organized in this city and articles of incorporation filed on December 23d. E. A. Marsh, a gentleman of wide experience in organizing independent lines throughout the west is at the head of the new company. The officers are E. A. Marsh, president, Arthur Conklin, vice-president and secretary and Marcus Robbins, treasurer. The same persons constitute the board of directors or trustees. The capital stock of the company is \$30,000, and the object is to put in an independent system in this city and to gradually extend both north and south to connect with other independent lines. Franchises will be asked of both the city and county. Plans have been made for a building but no site has been secured as yet.

### R. K. Montgomery Goes to Albany.

R. K. Montgomery, who has so ably and pleasingly filled the position of agent for the Southern Pacific at Grants Pass for the last year, will leave within the next couple of days for Albany, to occupy the same position there. The transfer is a promotion, as Albany is the most im-

portant station on the Southern Pacific in the state outside of Portland, and employs a large number of men. It is an important passenger station, having lots of tourist travel—also an immense freight business. A fine large new depot was dedicated about a month ago. While the people of Grants Pass will regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, they will be glad to know that the change is much to their advantage, and the good wishes of a multitude of friends will go with them to their new home.

M. J. Mahoney, who is now assistant agent, will have charge of the office here until a new agent is appointed. A new operator is expected to arrive any day to relieve Mr. Mahoney of a part of the work in that department.

## MERLIN DISTRICT A MINING CENTER

Josephine County has long been noted for its mineral resources but Merlin as the center of this industry, has not been given the recognition it deserves.

Galice Creek, with the Alameda and its smelter, the Big Yank, the Gold Road, the Oriole, the Argo, and the many other promising quartz properties, all of which are at or near a producing basis, together with the Old Channel, the Lewis, the Anderson and the Galice Consolidated placers, must come to Merlin for rail transportation. The same conditions apply to the Jump-off-Joe district with the Mt. Pitt, the Mountain Treasure, the Eagle, the Oro Fino, the Oak, the Baby and the Lucky Queen quartz properties and the Sexton and Swatzika placer mines.

To enumerate the many prospects in the district lying between Merlin and Galice, within four or five miles of the town, on which active development work is being done, would require considerable space, but prominent among them are the Mammoth Copper, the Peacock, the Copper Sandbar and the United Copper-Gold. The latter probably making the greatest strides and the most satisfactory showing. In this district are also to be found the Emerson-Flannagan and Helgate placers—properties that have been worked a full 50 years—together with several other smaller propositions that receive spasmodic attention.

While none of these employs a large force of men, in the aggregate they constitute a considerable number and furnish a market for our fruits and farm products far greater than one realizes for above all the minor lives well. He wants the best, and pays for it. His shoes are rough but he spends more in clothing his feet than does the dandy dude of the city. His clothes are not flashy, but they are of better material than the average seen in the busy marts. He can look you in the eye and tell you of his prospect with an enthusiasm that warrants the thought "There's something doing in Merlin very soon."

The pocket-hunter is not yet a thing of the past, for hardly a day passes but some hardy prospector outfits at one of our stores for a trip into the mountains. While he frequently returns with enough to pay for a month or so of leisure, he seldom has sufficient to warrant putting his name in the press dispatches, although he firmly believes that his next score will place him in that much-to-be-desired position. He is an interesting study, and when you get thoroughly acquainted with him you will envy him his happy-go-lucky life.

But this is wandering away. Let us get back to Merlin. With its varied resources it is destined to become an important centre, but if it were dependent entirely upon the mining industry the continued development of these prospects would keep it alive, and the bringing of a few of them into the producing list would make it a city.

The crying need of these prospects is capital for development purposes, for many a magnificent showing is being worked in a hand-to-mouth manner. The promoter and wild-catter is as yet unknown, but the values are so evident that many a man practically slaves for years to accomplish that which a little capital would bring forth in one season. Placed in a desert where there was

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## THE BANNER YEAR OF TREE PLANTING

1400 Acres Being Prepared for Fruit.

ROOM FOR MUCH MORE

50,000 Trees and 265,000 Grape Vines Already Ordered and Season Not Over.

On all sides of Grants Pass, and even extending almost into the heart of the city, preparations are going on for the planting of fruit trees and grape vines, and there are yet thousands of acres suitable for fruit raising which are still in timber and brush which will be cleared and planted before a great while longer.

It has not been many years since the planting of trees for commercial purposes began here, so short a time, in fact, that but few of the orchards have come into bearing. Several hundred acres of new trees will bear fruit next year for the first time, and each succeeding year will see the production more than doubled over the preceding year. By far the greatest number of trees planted are apples, and the Spitzenbergs and Newtown Pippins are the leading varieties, and next come peaches, pears, cherries, plums, apricots and so on through the list—nearly every variety of edible fruit being raised.

The Tokay grape became an acknowledged wealth producer in this section of the Rogue River valley at about the same time that other fruits came into their own, and the planting of vineyards has gone on at a rate about equal to that of the apple.

Nurseries which have representatives in Grants Pass have taken orders for something over 50,000 trees already this season, and about 265,000 grapes. Many persons have also ordered direct from the nursery, and it is impossible to get any idea of the number of either trees or vines which have come in from these orders, but it may be seen that between 700 and 800 acres will be planted this year to fruit trees, and at least 600 acres to grapes—even though no more orders are sent in. As the planting season will not be over for four months yet, it is safe to say that the number of trees and vines ordered will greatly increase the number given above. The above estimates are made after inquiring from each of the representatives of the nurseries here as to the orders taken, and are therefore authentic.

With all this increase there is still no danger of over-production, in fact the larger the acreage the better opportunities there will be for marketing fruit. Rogue River apples, peaches, pears, grapes and other fruits are becoming known, and as they become known the demand increases. The Fruit Exchange was not able, this year, to fill the orders received, and another year the exchange will be better organized and better able to push the fruit to the best market. With the large area of land suitable for raising all kinds of fruit, there is but little doubt that within the next 10 years that part of the Rogue River Valley tributary to Grants Pass will be the largest and most famous fruit raising section of the world.

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