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PLANT AN ORCHARD.

If you will keep your own best interests in view and at the same time would look to the welfare of your county plant an orchard. It may be either of apples or pears; either one will grow into great value in a very few years. It will pay no matter what price the land may be. Land that costs from \$10 to \$100 per acre will answer every purpose, provided it is located so as to be under irrigation. The latter simply insures, first the growth of your trees and later, the growth of your fruit. Remember the cheapest land will be worth from \$250 to \$500 per acre when your trees are five or six years old and you can safely add another hundred dollars annually to the value of your orchard up to the time when your trees are fifteen years old. The orchard will be worth these figures for the very substantial reason that it will bring this amount in cash and what is more your returns per acre will, without doubt, be twenty-five per cent of the amount mentioned.

Orchards above the frost zone are priceless today. Apples and pears are safe as a rule on almost any land but occasionally those orchards which are located in the broad bottoms are caught by the late frosts in spring and yet science has found a way to protect them. This is done by burning crude oil in the orchards when the thermometer indicates that the frost limit has been reached. A thermometer is so arranged that it will give the alarm at the proper moment. The duty of the burning oil is to cause a rise in temperature just enough to clear the frost. This is said to be an inexpensive method of protection and if the owner will give the subject attention it is absolutely sure to keep away the frost blight.

Planting an orchard is the highest conception of husbandry and if as General Washington said "Agriculture is the most noble, the most profitable and the most healthful occupation of man," then planting and caring for an orchard is the highest branch of that noble calling. The man who plants fruit trees and protects them from their enemies will always remember with pleasure his experience and will bless the day that gave him the wisdom and courage to undertake the task.

HERITAGE OF THE PEOPLE.

The future and lasting wealth of Josephine county will be its water power and it is to be hoped that the people will rise up and protect this great source of potential energy that can be made a wonderful and lasting foundation of prosperity, for our county when the time of its development is reached. We are all proud to point to our rich soil, our minerals, our timber and our rich prospects in general but all these are subject to exhaustion, but the water in our rivers never grows less, but year after year becomes more valuable. The future of railroads and manufacturing plants depends in a large degree on power which can be developed along our mountain streams and therefore this essential in the world of action made a valuable asset to be placed to the credit of the people, and by them handed down to succeeding generations. Did the reader ever realize that the water which goes flashing and foaming through our mountain gorges is more precious and more lasting than gold. The gold when once spent is ours no longer but the water may be used to generate power year after year

for men who toil
Levi Strauss & Co's
 Copper Riveted Overalls
 the kind that "WEARS"
 cut full made of selected denim

and century after century, its force never weakening or diminishing through the flight of time. Then let us rise as one man and compel our legislature to protect this one great wealth of this and future generations against the ravages of the great corporations who are even now in this county securing to themselves this heritage of the people, for which they do not propose to pay one cent. They should not be allowed to acquire in fee simple rights to our water power. The plan should be an annual rental at a price commensurate to the service rendered.

THE TELEPHONE SITUATION.

During the past week there has been no little speculation regarding the rival telephone companies. The ordinance covering the new company, which was passed at the last meeting of the city council by a vote of five to one, has been savagely attacked by the old company in the papers and has brought out much comment on the part of our citizens who have use for a telephone.

As usual there are two sides and the people have ranged themselves for the new company and against the old, or vice versa. There is also a third party and these want a better telephone service and care not which company furnishes it. Out of all this may come a considerable amount of good to the telephone service, which in the past has been, most subscribers claim, anything but satisfactory.

The one complaint we hear most, is that the system is obsolete, that there is none of the improvements made in telephoning during the last 20 years in us here. The company apparently pleads guilty, but makes promises of rebuilding the system and introducing all the new methods. This paper has tried to be fair in this matter. It has no interest in either telephone company except to get the best service for Grants Pass. In the news columns will be found articles from both companies, which are paid for at regular advertising rates, and the publisher of this paper disclaims any responsibility for the statements therein.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

The catalogue houses which have been doing a very large and constantly increasing business, suddenly last year experienced a remarkable falling off in trade amounting to fully \$10,000,000. They claim that the loss of this large amount is due first to the great and small newspapers, and secondly to the retail trade of the smaller cities. The argument of the newspapers awakened their readers to the importance of buying at home. A point has been reached when men feel ashamed to send their money to the catalogue houses. The successful home merchant of the future will be a man who buys for his trade the best goods, sells at a living profit and advertises largely.

Not many years hence Grants Pass will have a residence section on the high hills above the town. The upper slopes of these hillsides are free from frost and there the choicest fruits will continue to ripen even as late as the middle of December. There above the fog and in the bright sunshine invalids will find nature's cures for all diseases. Even at this time we should have a sanitarium for the use of persons in search of health. It is generally understood that our climate will do this for most people but better results might be reached in certain cases if their residence could be fixed on the high and dry lands of the hills where all the conditions are favorable to the restoration of health. An automobile road up these hills would be a matter of slight cost and it would become a popular highway for all classes when an outing was desired.

It has been suggested that the management of the Agricultural College be requested to open a temporary school in Grants Pass to teach irrigation, and it is believed that the faculty of the college can and will provide us with a professor learned in the art of raising crops by the use of water. Now is the time to open such a school as the irrigating canals will be pretty sure to be in Grants Pass on or before the first of June this year.

The rush to Grants Pass will be on early in March and therefore let us get ready for it. What the people who come want, will be for the most part, orchard lands, and what we want is help to develop the country. The people who come here will find that this is the land of opportunity and we must do all we can to make them welcome.

Ut's & Dunn's fine Ladies shoes just received from factory at Gardiner & Co. 2-12-11

STORY WITH A POINTED MORAL

The Visit of the Spokane Excursion.

"MADE FUN OF APPLES"

The Laws Against Vending Diseased Fruit Must be Strictly Enforced in Grants Pass.

The Spokane Excursionists passed south on Sunday last and made the usual stop in Grants Pass but were nearly unnoticed by our citizens except a few loud mouthed vendors of wormy apples who from all accounts badly represented the city. The excursion was composed of some of the leading people of Spokane and numerous citizens of Idaho, Montana and the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

They were under the direction of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce; the president of that organization being in charge. The Medford Tribune says that they were received on their reaching that city by the Medford Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Colvig, the president of that body made them a speech of welcome and gave them a hearty invitation to stop over at Medford on their return trip, with boxes of the finest apples.

The Medford Tribune of Monday, in its account of the excursion prints the following delicately worded reference to our city and let us thank that paper for its extreme courtesy in this matter.

Here is the item which appears in the regular report of the excursion. The head is the Tribune's:

Made Fun of Apples.

"When the excursionists entered the northern end of the valley, they were met by a crowd of howling boys who sold them apples of inferior quality which led the excursionist to make all manner of fun of the "wonderful Newtown Pippins." Needless to say, Medford corrected this impression by giving them some of the finest grown anywhere."

This reminds us to say that there is not a passenger train goes through this city that men and boys are not violating the law by exposing for sale diseased fruit. Let us inquire whose duty it is to stop these violations of law?

For the present we will refer the matter to the city marshal. Many good people have in the past been annoyed by the vendors of scaley fruit, at the trains and not a few have made determined efforts to have these disgraceful practices stopped but nothing has come of it. The men who spend their money to clean their orchards and are fighting the disease of their fruit trees protest against making Grants Pass a breeding ground for all manner of fruit diseases. They call upon the sheriff and all others in authority to clean up the pests and make the city worthy of the orchards which will with slight help make Grants Pass the center of the best fruit section in the world. The commercial club had this subject up for discussion last Tuesday night, but no action was taken.

The moral of this story is that it is a bad way for Grants Pass to advertise its fruits and its fine orchard lands.

How to Clean a Sewing Machine.

To keep a sewing machine in good condition it needs an occasional cleaning with kerosene. Saturate the machine with kerosene and then run the machine briskly for several minutes without thread, of course. This will loosen all old oil and dust, which should be wiped away with a soft cloth until the machine is perfectly clean. Then oil it with machine oil.

How to Make Pumpkin Pie.

Roll and press through a sieve a quart of pumpkin. Add two quarts of rich milk. Sweeten it to taste, adding spice and a little nutmeg. A piece of butter the size of an egg may be added while the pumpkin is still hot. Last, add six eggs well beaten and pour the mixture into the prepared crust and bake rather slowly. This will make two large pies.

Fitting Him Out.

"They haven't named their baby yet."
 "And he is almost nine months old."
 "They can't decide what profession he says he will follow, and the mother wants a name that will harmonize with the profession."

CITIZENS TELEPHONE CO. IT'S THE TRUTH

Tom Thumb Spraying Outfit



This outfit is self-contained, consisting of the 1-H. P. air cooled Famous engine mounted on a platform and connected with a pitman power spraying pump. This pump has a 2-inch brass lined cylinder, 4 1/2 inch stroke, ground brass seats and brass ball valves. The valves are located on the side of the pump and can be reached by removing the nut immediately over them. Either valve can be removed separately without disturbing the others. The outfit is furnished with a strainer, pressure gauge, relief valve, six feet of wire bound suction hose and two Vermorel nozzles.

Total weight of engine, platform, battery box and Spray pump 327 lbs.

We guarantee every one of these outfits we sell, to give satisfaction.

CALL AT OUR STORE AND SEE SAMPLE

HAIR-RIDDLE HDW. CO.

SAMPSONS SPRAY SPRAY HOSE

Application for Grazing Permits.
 Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, and sheep within the SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1909, must be filed in my office at Grants Pass, Oregon, on or before March 15, 1909. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request. M. J. ANDERSON, Supervisor.

Grants Pass is known as a town having a larger percentage of church members than any other town in the state, and it is also recognized that more men attend church in this city than in any other place in Oregon.

CLASSIFIED ADS. NEW TODAY.

WHITE WYANDOTTS—I will furnish to the right party a new 150-egg Cyphers incubator and eggs to fill it from pure bred-to-day White Wyandottes on shares—Jessie Cahill, 605 West C street, Grants Pass. 2-12-2t

WANTED—To purchase a span of good heavy work horses, also span of good mules or two Jersey cows or other high grade cows. Send full particulars and best price in first offer. Address P. O. box 418, Medford, Ore. 2-12-2t

EGGS for hatching for sale—Barrred Plymouth Rocks, setting \$1.25; Buff Leghorns, per setting \$1.25; Brown and White Leghorns, per setting 75c; incubator lots \$7 and \$5 per 100. Some Leghorn stock for sale. R. L. Newman, R.F.D. No. 1, Grants Pass. 2-12-1f

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and pure bred Brown Leghorn cockerels. J. H. Robinson R.F.D. 2, Grants Pass. 2-12-4f

FOR RENT—Five acres bearing orchard, 5-room house, barn, pumping plant. Terms reasonable. Inquire of A. Smith, 1015 North 6th street. 2-12-1f

EGGS—Black Minorca eggs for setting, \$1.25 for 15. Inquire E. S. Veatch, 654 North 3d St. 2-12-1f

Window Glass at Hair-Riddle's.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—Ten-horse power gasoline wood saw, one set work harness, plow and cultivators. Will take wood for part pay. "Headquarters," City Hall. 2-5-11

BERRY tips for sale—Mammoth and Himalaya Blackberry, Logan and Phenomenal, also Magoon strawberries. W. J. Sturges, Box 22, City. 1-29-2t

FULL blood White Wyandotte Rooster for sale, also Black Mator for sale or exchange. Robt. Huck, phone, Fruitdale 817. 1-29-3t

DESIGNS Cut flowers, potted plants, bulbs. Medford Greenhouse, phone 606. 11-6-1f

FOR SALE—Saloon in the best Smelting and mining town in Northern California. For particulars address Fred Jensen, Coram, Cal. 1-29-9t

FOR RENT.
FARM for rent—26 acres 2 miles west of town on river road. Call on or address M. C. Garber, R. F. D. No. 2. 1-15-4t

FURNISHED cottage for rent, 5 rooms. Inquire box 325, or White House Grocery. 1-8-1f

OFFICE Rooms in the Courier building for rent. Apply to A. E. Voorhies.

FIVE ROOM cottage, 816 N 7th St., for rent. Inquire J. L. Scoville, 850 N 7th. 1-15-1f

MISCELLANEOUS.
THE OREGON Fire Relief (McMinnville Mutual) Association and the "Queen City" (Standard company) are banner companies—none better. Have reduced their rates—try them. H. B. Hendricks, Agt., 6th street, office over Sabin's drug store, Grants Pass. 12-4-1f

EGGS for hatching—Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rock, White Plymouth Rocks, and White Leghorns, for sale at \$1 for 13 eggs; Indian Runner Duck eggs at \$1.50 per dozen. The above are all from pure bred stock. Apply of E. Chailson, 400 West G St. 1-21-9t

PAGE FENCE—The largest single order of absolutely rabbit proof fence in this country. See J. D. Franklia. 12-18-1f

MONEY to loan on real estate. Mortgages bought and sold. Marcus Robbins, lawyer. 1-8-51t

F. A. PIERCE—Registered Angoras. Flock headed by one of the famous bucks of the "King Arthur," also other bucks of different strains of breeding. Does of the noted strains. Bucks for sale, Merlin, Ore. 2-27-1f

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering Mission furniture made to order.