

The Rogue River Courier

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THIS SPECIAL NUMBER.

The publication of this special number of the Rogue River Courier is intended to give valuable information regarding the country around Grants Pass. The many thousands who are constantly seeking locations in the west will appreciate what has been said regarding the climate, the soil and the opportunities in Josephine county and Central Rogue River valley.

The Courier is a newspaper which has been published in Grants Pass for nearly a quarter of a century, that is, it has now reached its twenty-fifth volume. During all these long years it has served the public to the best of its ability and it is known far and wide as the representative newspaper of its section. Many thousands of copies have been sent broadcast over the land and it has been the means of bringing many people into the Rogue River valley, and it can be truthfully said that a majority of these have found in it profitable and happy homes.

The one object of this special number is to send out a truthful statement regarding the conditions around Grants Pass and it pledges itself to the homeseeker that the information contained in its pages will be found reliable and in every way trustworthy. The Courier management is well aware that it cannot afford to make misrepresentations and for that reason such statements have been avoided.

We extend to every reader a cordial invitation to visit Grants Pass and become familiar with the matchless conditions of this highly favored section of the Pacific Northwest.

OUR MATCHLESS CLIMATE.

The climate of the Rogue River valley is quite different from that of other parts of Oregon, the locality lies between mountains and is thoroughly protected from the blasts of winter or the coast storms which prevail nearer the Pacific. The mild winters which mark this section are indeed a pleasant experience to most people. It is rarely that the thermometer ranges as low as 20 degrees above zero and the humid atmosphere which is called the rainy season is considered beneficial to invalids. The bright days of sunshine which mark the early spring and summer continue through the late autumn, often reaching the holiday season. Can one imagine a climate more cheering to the average man or woman?

ADVANTAGE OF SMALL FARMS.

It is very gratifying to note the changes that are taking place in this county among the tillers of the soil. The small farm is rapidly growing into favor, both for fruit and vegetables. Experience teaches that it is a waste to pay taxes on land that cannot profitably be used by the farmer. Holdings are now five, ten and twenty acres. It can be readily understood that there are many advantages in living in a country where many families are within a circumference of a couple of miles all around. They have the benefits of society, schools and churches, and in this respect they enjoy city privileges while living in the country.

IT BEATS A GOLD MINE.

Planting vineyards and apple, pear and peach orchards in Josephine county are safe ventures for men of limited means. There seems to be no risk as the vines or trees almost invariably make a vigorous growth and from the day planted add value to the land. We know of no business more certain or more profitable. It beats a gold mine nine times out of ten.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

Apple growing in Josephine county is one of the most profitable business ventures that can be undertaken. We have in mind a 25-acre orchard which was planted four years ago by two brothers and the lease contained a privilege of buying the orchard within two years at \$3000. The first crop of apples netted \$12,000 with which they paid for the property and had a handsome sum

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

Among the better things which relate to the well being of every family which may locate in this county is the almost perfect public school system of Oregon. Every neighborhood throughout Josephine county has already its public school, and each one is presided over by a teacher whose ability must come up to a high standard fixed by the school laws of the state. The subject of education is an important one to the homeseeker and Grants Pass and Josephine county can offer these advantages to all who may come.

county. These modern privileges are the result of the high class of citizenship which characterize our population. Whatever relates to the upholding of each and every neighborhood the people join together to secure.

The Biennial Report of the State Board of Horticulture of Oregon says: "There is no other section of the United States where apples and pears are grown where the shipping qualities of the fruit compare with those grown in the Rogue River valley."

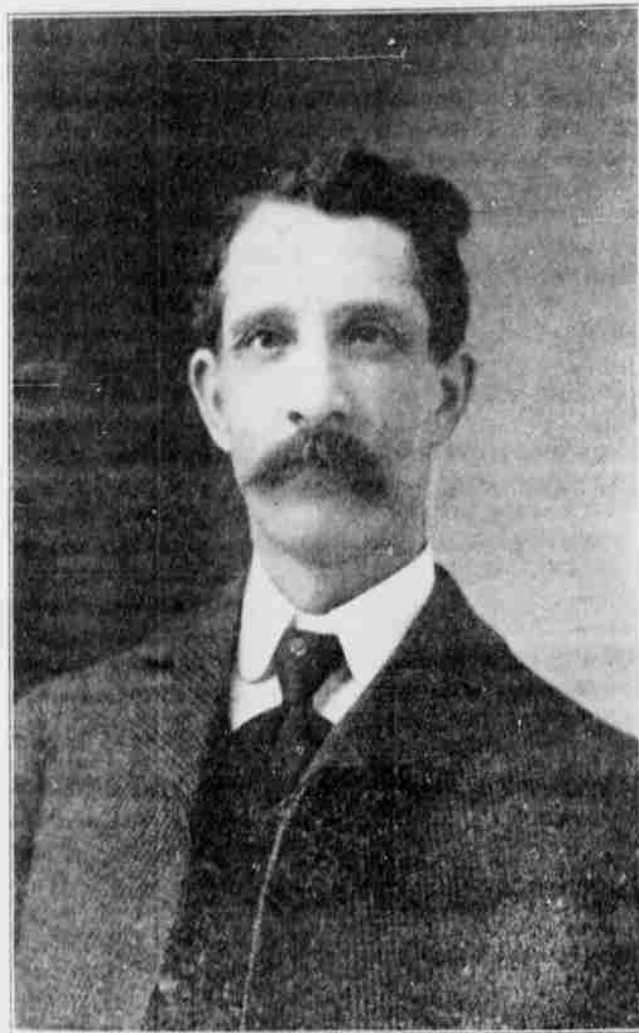
Best Climate on the Coast.

Nestling in the beautiful irrigated valley of the great Rogue river, surrounded by the broken spires and ridges of the Coast range and within the southern shadow of the great Siskiyou mountains lies the beautiful city of Grants Pass, in a latitude and at an elevation challenging the world for comparison. Far enough north to escape the extreme heat and dust of California, and far enough south to escape the extreme wet and cold of the north. It is where no blizzards blow and no cyclone devastates, where the roar of the tornado is never heard and fabled lightning is never seen except in the towering peaks of some lofty mountain range.

Here in this fertile valley, where everything grows that grows anywhere, the sufferer from hay fever, asthma and bronchial trouble finds complete relief; and here may you sleep at night under the dome of heaven almost the year around, without discomfort inhibiting nature's healing balm through every pore.

Why swelter in summer and freeze in winter, ye men and women of the east and north, when God has created Oregon and especially the Rogue River valley? Do you know that the thermometer seldom goes below freezing here? Well, it is true, and when it does it is only just below and then only for a day or two. Come out from the snow drifts and blizzards and live where it is life to live. Come where the summer sunstroke is unknown and where summer, though warm, apologizes constantly with its healing sea breezes. Yes, come to Grants Pass where the half has not been told and you can enjoy life, for remember when you die you may not for a billion ages have the opportunity of living in such an equable climate.

The price of land should not frighten you, for the Rogue River valley is so large that we still have unimproved land that can be bought as low as \$20 per acre, or you can get cleared land with nothing on it from \$40 to \$150 per acre. You can buy land with bearing orchards of apples, pears, peaches, plums, etc., or vineyards of Tokays, Malagas, Rose of Peru, Concord or any other variety. Then you get something rich, and the price of each is regulated by its annual production; but if you buy the raw land and develop it, every blow adds twice its cost to the value of the land. If you doubt, come and see.



H. L. GILKEY, PRESIDENT IRRIGATION AND POWER COMPANY

Grants Pass is the county seat of Josephine county, and it is the home of a highly progressive and intelligent people.

The evergreens which mark the hills and mountain sides of Josephine county are transcendently beautiful. The fir, the sugar pine, the yellow pine, the cedar, the madrone and the manzanita are all worthy of a place in the best productions of the world renowned artists.

Don't you forget that Josephine county has three of the most fertile valleys in the world—the Rogue River valley, where "fruit is king;" the eplagate, where "alfalfa is king;" and the Illinois valley, where dairying, stock raising and general agriculture hold sway—and that the mountain ranges between are loaded with gold and copper.

George Rae, of Rae & Hatfield of New York City, the largest firm dealing in western fruits, says: "The finest fruit in the United States, without exception, is produced in the Rogue River valley. The east can not produce the quality of apples and pears grown in your country. Wherever your fruits are offered the highest prices are paid and they are always in demand."

During the past two years the matter of building electric lines from Grants Pass southwest to Crescent City, California, and down both the Rogue river and the Illinois river has been discussed and parties found who were anxious to build the lines. The surveys have been made and experts give it as their opinion that these roads will pay a handsome return on the investment. It is thought that both lines will be under construction within the next twelve months.

Are you in doubt? Do you wish to settle in a country where the wind blows so constantly as to make the fruit trees all lean one way, or where there is almost a constant rain fall for four or five months in the year, where whole valleys turn to lakes and villages are drowned, where blizzards blow and the thermometer goes downward many degrees below the zero point? Not No! You want to go where you can sleep out of doors the year round without discomfort, where there is rain enough to break the monotony, but not too much. Where the land of bloom promises a harvest of plenty, where it is one bright summer almost always.

The rural free delivery extends from Grants Pass in nearly every direction, and thus the advantages of a large mail service are enjoyed by the vast sections of Josephine

If you want to make a sure investment, buy a tract of land and cut it up into five and ten acre pieces for orchard purposes. When planted to fruit trees or vines it will bring you big money on the investment.

Josephine county produces every year many thousands of dollars from her gold and copper mines, and Grants Pass is the supply point for all of these.



J. O. RIGGS, SECRETARY IRRIGATION AND POWER COMPANY

See the Big Dam. See the big dam three miles above Grants Pass and the irrigation ditches which start from that point and meander down the valley and soon will become convinced that there is something doing in the agricultural districts of Josephine county. These irrigation ditches will add \$19,000,000 to the value of the farm lands of the county. This is your opportunity to secure a share in these millions. Stop over at Grants Pass and see for yourself the chances that are offered for buying lands which will double in value every year.

Fruit dealers in New York and other important commercial centers claim that there is no danger of over production in the fruit market. The demand, they say, will always keep pace with the supply and be in advance of it. Fruit every year is becoming more and more a part of the living of every family. This should encourage men to enter the business of fruit growing.

Have We Good Schools?

Well, that makes us smile. The population of Grants Pass is from the better classes of the east and middle west. They are of that thrifty and progressive stock that demands great care in educational matters and we have an unexcelled school system. Four school buildings in Grants Pass, three of which are large, substantial brick structures of the latest pattern, the latest in architectural design and modernity equipped. The course carries the pupil through the 12 grades, almost equivalent to a regular college or academic course. The teachers are the best that can be had and the schools receive the first consideration at the hands of the people.

If you want big or small game such as deer, bear, quail, Chinese pheasants and other game birds, Josephine county is the ideal spot for the disciples of Nimrod or Isaac Walton.

A farm under irrigation is the way to an easy living and become highly prosperous. Josephine county has the land and the irrigation system, and ideal locations which can be bought at fair prices.

The poultry business is a highly profitable business occupation around Grants Pass. The mild winters are favorable to the production of eggs and feed for the fowls can be produced cheaply.

Grants Pass

in the

Central Rogue River Valley

of Southern Oregon

The Ideal Home Land

If you are in search of a home, why not locate where natural conditions are all that can be desired?

But one thing was lacking at Grants Pass to make it an Earth's Paradise. That was IRRIGATION, but IRRIGATION is now a REALITY.

Why not select a home where the climate is unsurpassed anywhere in America and where the most luscious fruits grow to perfection?

Space does not permit a description of some of the lands that we have for sale, but we have 25 tracts, ranging from 1 to 10 acres, as many more ranging from 10 acres to 80 acres, and 4 or 5 large tracts of from 300 to 1000 acres that can be subdivided to the best advantage. Besides these, we have many other fine buys in large and small acreages. We can sell you lands that will come under irrigation and some that will not. Any of the lands we are offering for sale are at prices far below their actual values.

Why not stop at Grants Pass and see for yourself? We will be pleased to put our time against yours and show you anything that we have for sale.

Churchill-Riggs Land Company

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J. O. BOOTH, Proprietor



A Home Hotel in All Its Appointments

Should you stop over at Grants Pass go direct to the Western Hotel. Good rooms and good table service

All white labor. Guests get every attention

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