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SECOND TOKAY DISTRIBUTION

W. B. SHERMAN WILL AGAIN PRESENT GRAPE VINES

GIVE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Prizes Amounting to \$100 or More Will Be Awarded the Most Successful Growers.

There will be another demonstration this year of the wonderful growing possibilities of the Flaming Tokay grape. W. B. Sherman has decided to give away another \$100 in prizes, as well as grape vines, to bring this about. In speaking of the matter today he said:

"The results of the contest by the scholars of Grants Pass for the prizes for the best growth of Tokay grape vines last year were so satisfactory that I have decided to give away more vines and more prizes this year. Until the last prizes were awarded few realized that it was possible to secure more than a few feet of growth from a vine the first year after planting, but the contest showed that with good care twenty feet of growth was easily attained and quite a number of the contestants secured as high as forty feet, and one had sixty-eight feet. This information has undoubtedly done much to stimulate the Tokay industry.

The prizes I give this year will be of two classes, one set being for the best growth from new vines, and the other set, the largest amount of fruit produced on the prize competing vines of last year. Wood growth will also be considered on these vines.

On the vines the growth on all main shoots will be considered, but not of the laterals. The vines will be given out at the school houses on Friday, March 25, 1910, and Prof. R. R. Turner, city superintendent of schools and Lincoln Savage, county superintendent of schools will be requested to take charge of the distribution.

The prizes will amount to \$100 in all, \$60 to be divided among the contestants taking new vines and \$40 to be divided among the prize contestants of last year.

There will be 23 prizes on the new vines and 17 prizes on the old vines, as follows:

New Vines.
One first prize.....\$15.00
One second prize..... 10.00
Two third prizes, each..... 5.00
Two fourth prizes, each..... 3.00
Two fifth prizes, each..... 2.00
Fifteen sixth prizes, each..... 1.00

Fruit on Two-Year Vines.
One first prize.....\$10.00
Two second prizes, each..... 5.00
Two third prizes, each..... 3.00
Two fourth prizes, each..... 2.00
Ten fifth prizes, each..... 1.00

Since it would not be practical for the judges to go all over the county in September and again in October to inspect the new vines it will be necessary to confine these prizes to the Grants Pass schools.

However, if the directors of the country schools will each appoint proper judges to inspect these vines next fall I will also award suitable prizes to each school district. This will be with the understanding that the directors of such schools will, before April 15, send me the names of their judges so appointed, also send in the number of pupils enrolled that I may be enabled to send the necessary number of cuttings to their district.

The object of this contest is to demonstrate the fact that Tokay grapes would be a very paying proposition in all parts of Josephine county, also to interest our young chaps in horticultural lines, so that they will familiarize themselves with the fact that Josephine county excels in the United States, and probably the world, in the growth of Tokay grapes; also that the Rogue River valley excels the world in the growth of pears and apples, and that the horticultural line is the line for them to look forward to in this valley.

Medford Rejects Paving Bids.

All of the bids offered by various companies for the paving of ten miles of the city's streets were rejected by the city council at a special meeting held late Wednesday afternoon. A new order was immediately issued calling for bids to be in by Saturday, March 26.

It is believed by this action the city council will save many thousands of dollars to the property-owners, as all of the bids tendered were disappointingly high.

The representatives of two or three paving companies who were not here when bids were offered March 8, have arrived and prospects are that seven or eight companies will bid on the work March 26.—Medford Mail Tribune.

Laurant—March 29. Secure your reserved seats at Russell's, Tuesday, at 10 a. m.

Josephine County Bank.

Grants Pass is to have a new financial institution, which will be known as the Josephine County bank. The incorporation papers have been filed with the secretary of state. The incorporators are S. H. Baker, G. H. Carner, O. S. Blanchard, T. B. Cornell and J. L. Calvert. The capital stock, which amounts to \$50,000, has all been subscribed and the bank will be ready for business in the next few days, or as soon as a location can be secured. It is the intention to occupy a building on Sixth street south of the railroad. The new bank has a promising future, as there will be plenty of business for a third bank in this city and it will open with the best wishes of everybody.

M. E. Moore sells furniture at 409 Front St. 3-18-2t

OPENING EXHIBITION G. P. ATHLETIC CLUB

The Grants Pass new athletic club is progressing in fine shape since it was formed three weeks ago. They now have a membership of 85, with \$35 in the treasury and everything progressing finely for an up-to-date club such as the city of Grants Pass may be proud of. Rev. Frederick Bartlett is instructor in the gymnasium work, assisted by Chas. Moore and Fred Costain, and on Wednesday evening the club gave their opening exhibition at the gymnasium, with everybody invited to witness the stunts pulled off in that line.

The exhibition consisted of floor drills, exercises with dumbbells, Indian clubs, running exercises, horizontal bars, parallel bars, boxing, etc., which was extremely well done considering the remarkably short time the club has been in training. There were about 125 visitors present at this opening exhibition, and the boys were much encouraged at the strong interest manifested in their work. Besides the \$35 still in the treasury, the club has spent about \$145 in fitting up club rooms, etc., and are anxious to put in a shower bath which will require about \$300.

The club expects to give an exhibition of this kind about once every six weeks, and one of the best ways to help the young men along is to visit these exhibitions and prove by your presence that you are interested in this good work, as this club is bound to prove very beneficial to the young men and boys, not only from the physical standpoint, but from a moral standpoint, also, for it is certainly a relief to parents to know that their boys are spending their evenings in healthful recreation and exercise, and every young man and boy should be encouraged to become a member of the club. It will keep the boys off the street at night and in good company with first-class employment.

After the exercises of the evening, the company adjourned to the Commercial Club rooms, where the Commercial Club orchestra rendered excellent music and some very interesting and beneficial talks on clubs and club work were delivered by Rev. Frederick Bartlett, M. J. Anderson and R. H. O'Neill. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served, and the meeting was called to a close. This first exhibition of the club was certainly a grand success and shows what earnest effort can accomplish. Let's keep the good work going.

PUGET SOUND EXCURSIONISTS

WILL ARRIVE IN GRANTS PASS 9:50 SUNDAY MORNING

SPECIAL TRAIN PULMANS

Members of the Commercial Club Will Turn Out to Meet Visitors.

The Puget Sound excursionists will reach Grants Pass at 9:50 on Sunday morning on their way to California and will stop here 20 minutes, giving time for them to be introduced to our citizens. The party will be composed of some 200 people, who come to take in the sights along the Rogue River valley by daylight. Grants Pass will feel honored by this visit and will be pleased to welcome the party and her people will be at the depot in force for this purpose. The visitors will appreciate every courtesy that may be extended and it is to be hoped that the occasion will be such that it may be kept in pleasant memory by our visitors and those who receive them. Everybody who possibly can should go to the depot and meet our friends from the Sound country. Remember, that this is our opportunity to do a graceful act. The Commercial Club, we learn, will be on hand to do the honors of the occasion and they will be quite certain to make the excursionists feel that Grants Pass is not only a good place to visit, but a good city to live in. The Commercial Club is made up of that class of men who are broad minded enough to make our visitors welcome and send them on their way feeling that here is not only a good place to invest money but a highly desirable town in which to live.

In passing let us say to our friends that the people of this city and country are proud of our soil, climate and productions. There is no more healthful spot in the known world. The winters are exceedingly mild—the temperature of winter seldom going below 22° above zero—and the heat of summer is never oppressive, the nights being always cool. To the man or woman in search of a home where there is nothing disagreeable, this section comes as near being as desirable a place as any spot in the universe. There is an even, all the year round climate and all the conditions which make a pleasant home for a family are found here. Our city has the best of schools, numerous churches and all those things which go to make up a progressive town of the twentieth century.

Many People Looking Westward.

Elmer Shank returned Sunday from his eastern trip, which extended over a period of nearly ten weeks. He stopped off in the Grand Junction district of Colorado and in the fruit district of Utah; visited his parents at Rockford, Ill., and then to Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore and Washington. Returning he stopped at Pittsburg, Detroit and Ann Arbor, and when nearly home was held up at Carlin, Nev., by the washouts. While in Washington he conferred with Congressman Hawley regarding the Lafean bill. Mr. Shank says there is great in-

quiry regarding the west and particularly the Rogue River valley, but that the greatest interest is taken by the people of the Atlantic coast states. Many are ready to come here as soon as they hear favorable reports from their own people who have preceded them. They will not start out on an uncertainty. As soon as some of their people have investigated and have demonstrated that their investments are successful then the people will flock here by the hundreds. The people of this valley can do a great work by seeing to it that the new comers make successful investments and that their first year in this section shall be a prosperous one.

GRANTS PASS PARTIES BUY LAND AT GLENDALE

Messrs. S. H. Riggs, J. G. Riggs and E. L. Churchill, of Grants Pass, purchased of R. A. Jones his 617 acre ranch adjoining the townsite of Glendale, at \$35,000.

This ranch is acknowledged to be one of the finest holdings in the Cow Creek valley. Its soil is exceptionally rich and deep and its gentle rolling sides present a view to the passengers on the trains that makes a lasting impression on their memories. Some 400 acres of this ranch are in cultivation, 230 under irrigation and now producing crops and the balance all tillable.

The present owners have not yet decided as to whether they will hold the tract together or subdivide and sell off in 10-acre tracts. They have already been asked to subdivide this property as there is a great demand for small acreage.

The land now in crop is paying over 10 per cent net on a valuation of \$40,000.

WARNING STATION IS TO BE ESTABLISHED

Agricultural Department Will Send Instruments for Observations to Prof. O'Gara.

A. E. Beals, government forecaster at Portland, became convinced on his visit here lately that Rogue River valley needed something different from most sections in the way of weather forecasting, as it was practically as he said, "a wheel within a wheel," and local conditions were at variance with other sections, and that forecasts for sections only a short distance away would not fit it.

To this end, Mr. Beals, in a letter to Congressman Hawley, recommended that a volunteer station be established here, at least, and twice-a-day warning service from the Portland station be established. This service has now been ordered and during the frost season orchardists will be warned of danger of killing frosts, that they may be able to handle their preventatives accordingly.

Professor O'Gara took up the matter of proper instruments with the agricultural department and has now on the way a set consisting of a compensating barograph, a maximum and minimum thermometer, a psychrometer and a standard thermometer. With these instruments he can keep an accurate record of weather conditions.

Laurant, on March 29, will prove the most popular number of the Entertainment Course. New magic and mystifying illusions.

Just arrived—A big lot of New Furniture at M. E. Moore's. 3-18-2t

MY WORLD.

My world is very small,
Hemmed in by the narrow walls of my room—
For I cannot walk—and I have but the view
Of a garden-bed with roses in bloom.
A section of street with a house or two,
A mountain-peak with a bit of the blue
Overhead, when clouds do not hide the view.

And yet my world is large,
For now and then some kind friend calls
And brings a bit of his world to me;
He takes me out from my prison walls'
And through his practised eyes I see;
And books and journals, too, set me free,
And I roam far and wide at liberty.

My world is very large,
My thoughts travel far over seas and lands,
To tropic jungle and arctic zone,
To crowded cities and desert sands,
And far beyond to the sun's high throne,
To distant star-worlds they have flown,
And world within world they have made their own.
—Celia Doerner.

GRANTS PASS A BUSINESS CENTER

MANY FACTS RELATING TO ITS PROSPERITY AND GROWTH

THE ROGUE RIVER DISTRICT

Its Many Natural Advantages Are Apparent to All Observant Visitors.

Grants Pass has a water front which affords opportunity for the use of gasoline launches, row boats and canoes. It is the only city in the Rogue River valley that has these very desirable advantages.

Grants Pass has nine church edifices, and has a number of other religious organizations which have not yet had opportunity to build churches of their own. The percentage of church communicants according to population is greater here than any other city on the coast.

Grants Pass will soon have enough alfalfa and other hay grown under its own ditches on the Applegate and Rogue river to supply forage for the city, mines and farms and large quantities for shipment to other points. Irrigation is revolutionizing the forage question.

Grants Pass lumber market is supplied with the product of thirty-five sawmills which send to this center annually more than twenty million feet of lumber for manufacture and shipment.

Grants Pass has around it 60,000 acres of fruit lands, 20,000 of which are now being put under a perfect system of irrigation and as many more acres will be supplied with water within the next three years.

Grants Pass has near it 15,000 acres which have been cleared and planted with grapes, apples, pears and other fruits within the last two years and as many more acres will be cleared and planted during the next two years.

Grants Pass has two large box factories which manufacture for the fruit trade of Southern Oregon and California, two large sash and door factories and two extensive lumber yards which handle all kinds of building material for a rapidly expanding district.

Grants Pass is a city of about 6000 and 7000 inhabitants and is a commercial center for several flourishing mining districts, large lumber interests and extensive fruit and farming sections, besides extensive fishing interests.

Grants Pass has a vineyard near it which contains 65 acres of bearing grape vines and these are of the choicest varieties. This fruit is shipped to the great markets of the east in carload lots. More grapes are raised in this vineyard than in any other of the same size on the Pacific Coast.

Grants Pass is an important city on the Southern Pacific system which receives and ships large quantities of freight of all kinds, supplying the needs of a vast inland territory, accessible only from this point, which trade is very extensive and constantly increasing. As a railroad point it is one of the most important on the line between Portland and San Francisco.

Grants Pass has never had what is commonly called a boom, but has enjoyed a continuous growth for many years. It is fast becoming a city of beautiful homes and fine business blocks. Contracts will be let within the next month for the paving of the entire business center with bitulithic pavement and it is the intention to extend this pavement many blocks during the coming year.

Grants Pass has an electric light-

ing system which is in every respect equal to that of any other city in the state and the cost at which lights are supplied is quite as low, and the result is that the system is popular and everybody uses this kind of light.

Grants Pass has an up-to-date telephone system such as is found only in prosperous municipal centers. Fortunately within the past year the company resolved to improve the system and make it in every respect worthy of this progressive city and Grants Pass enjoys the advantage of the best telephone service to be found anywhere.

Grants Pass has a water system which supplies the entire city with water for domestic purposes at a nominal expense and next year irrigation water for gardens, lawns and small fruit farms within the city limits will be furnished by the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company by a system of cement pipes. The general irrigation will add greatly to the beauty of the city at a very moderate expense.

Grants Pass is the center of activity this season. The city council will let a contract on April 7 for the paving of the business streets of the city at a cost of \$60,000. This will be quickly followed by other contracts to pave other long streets, all to be completed this season.

Grants Pass will have a new and beautiful high school building this summer. The people voted \$45,000 for this purpose. It will have an 8-acre campus. The new building will in every way be of the most modern type.

ROOSEVELT IS OFF TO SEE OLD CAIRO

KHARTOUM, March 17.—Colonel Roosevelt today gathered the remaining members of his African expedition around him at luncheon in the palace and there were many expressions of friendship before farewells were said.

The guests included Sir Alfred Pease, who was Colonel Roosevelt's first host in Africa; Clayton Bey, of the Sirdar's staff, and Captain Meredith, of the steamer Dal, on which the party voyaged from Gondokoro.

The ex-president tried to make the affair as lively as possible, but he was considerably moved when it came to shaking hands with those whom he is not likely to see again.

He expressed the greatest admiration for Captain Cunningham's strenuous labors and those of the naturalists who had made the expedition such a marked success, and he dwelt upon the complete harmony which had existed from first to last. No one regretted more than he, said the ex-president, that the hunting party was now split up.

After an inspection of the missions under the guidance of Bishop Gwynne, Colonel Roosevelt attended a reception at the Grand hotel, where he again met the officials of Khartoum.

The band of the Twelfth Soudanese infantry played a special program of native music, which is peculiarly weird and inspiring, for the benefit of Colonel Roosevelt, who remarked on the wondrous ability of the band. Later a group of native women gave a number of Soudanese dances.

In a speech at the Egyptian Officers' club, Colonel Roosevelt advised the officers to drop politics while they were soldiers. He was a soldier himself, he said, and a politician, but he never let them mix.

Shortly before 9 o'clock tonight Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel went in carriages to the railway station, where they boarded the train for Cairo.

Poultry Supplies, Grit, Shell, Bone and Beef Scrap at Cramer Bros.

M. E. Moore secured the order for supplying window shades for the new Methodist parsonage and on Thursday he placed his order for the goods. 3-18-2t

New lot of Chairs, new lot of Couches, new lot of Mattresses just received at M. E. Moore's. A full stock of all kinds of Furniture, 3-18-2