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AN ACRE OR TWO OF FRUIT

NO LIFE appeals more to the city-worn man of the world, to the retired business man or to the youth in the morning of life, and to the lover of out-of-doors than horticulture. In God's pure sunshine he can follow the simple life, breathe pure mountain air and lead the life worth while.

There is physical exercise a plenty to rebuild the body, refresh the jaded mind and restore fading health, and brain work sufficient to exercise all the faculties, for the successful orchardist must possess those qualities that make for success in the commercial world. There is ample time for leisure, study and recreation—hence fruit raising is the ideal occupation for the man of culture—the gentleman.

In the Rogue River valley, conditions are ideal. Hence we find the highest grade of intelligence, men who have made names in the professions, on the stock exchange and in commerce, men from all sections of the globe, among the orchardists of the valley and in love with their occupation.

No place in the world does finer fruit grow, apples, pears and peaches that command the highest prices in all markets of the world, returns that net as high as \$1000 an acre to the grower, and sometimes higher. Bartlett pears have yielded \$2250 an acre on the Bear Creek orchard. Comice pears from the Hillcrest orchard sold at \$10.08 a box in London. Winter Nelis pears have netted \$15.50 a tree the entire orchard. Newtown Pippin apples average the grower from \$2 to \$3 a box at the orchard and nearly the entire crop goes to England, and Spitzenbergs yield even more and are the favorite fruit of New York swelldom. Returns so far received this season show that Spitzenbergs have netted \$1500 an acre, Newtowns \$1420 an acre, Bartletts \$1080 an acre, d'Anjous \$980 an acre, seven-year-old Howells \$718 per acre, while even the despised Ben Davis has yielded \$500 an acre. Peaches yield \$500 an acre and other fruits in proportion.

Nowhere are apples and pears so prolific. One Yellow Newtown tree in the Mountain View orchard at Talent yielded 57 boxes this season, and from 23 acres 12,000 boxes were picked. The Norcross Central Point Newtowns produced 592 boxes per acre. A yield of 520 boxes to the acre was the record of the Tronson & Guthrie Spitzenberg orchard. A yield of 600 boxes of Bartlett pears to the acre, of 435 boxes of Winter Nelis and of from 300 to 500 boxes an acre of Howells, of 250 an acre of d'Anjous and Comice, is not at all uncommon. These prize commercial varieties, shy bearers in most districts, are as prolific in the Rogue River valley as the cheap varieties elsewhere, and orchards become avenues of props to support the enormous yields.

Rogue River pears took all the first prizes at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Rogue River apples won sweepstakes and first prizes on Spitzenberg and Newtown Pippins at the Spokane apple show. The quality of fruit produced is unequaled anywhere. Pear conditions are most favorable in the world for high prices, as the yield matures after the California crop is exhausted and before the local eastern crop is marketed, while the superior keeping quality enables fruit to stand shipment to any point.

As not over 2000 acres of the 50,000 acres planted around Medford are in bearing, and as this fractional bearing acreage is in most instances paying all expenses for caring for the entire planted acreage and in addition making money for the owner, the above figures offer a suggestion of what the profits to local fruitgrowers will be within a few years, for fruitgrowing is still in its infancy in the Rogue River valley.

Fruit buyers all admit that there is an increasing demand for fancy fruit at fancy prices, and the sections producing it are so limited in area that there is no danger of over-production. Despite the increased orchard area of the northwest, there is an annual decrease in the fruit output of the United States, and more orchards are yearly abandoned in the east and central west than are planted in the northwest. Pear districts are few and the demand great.

THE CITY OF MEDFORD

MEDFORD spells progress and municipal advancement. It is the most metropolitan small city in the world and its population the most cosmopolitan, a citizenship that has the utmost faith in the city's future and works as a unit to realize its destiny—the metropolis of that vast region between Portland and San Francisco.

Medford is a city of some 7500 inhabitants where two years ago there was a village with a scant 3500, with the finest climate in Oregon, in the center of one of earth's richest, fairest and most picturesque of valleys. On the west the hills are underlaid with gold, on the east with coal. A little further back on the one hand is an immense belt of timber, on the other one of the world's largest copper districts. Through the valley winds the Rogue, most beautiful of the many beautiful rivers of Oregon, wasting more power than Niagara in its tumbling course to the sea. Beyond in the hills at the very summit of the Cascades, in the burned out bowl of a gigantic volcano, are the blue waters of Crater Lake, the greatest natural wonder in the world.

The picturesque valley of the Rogue, hemmed in by verdure clad hills, is the greatest natural fruit belt in the world, where soil, elevation, climate, combine to produce the perfect product. Here are 50,000 acres of commercial orchards that cannot be equaled on the globe, whose apples win the sweepstakes prizes at world's apple shows, whose pears sell to England's epicures at \$10 a box, whose peaches take first awards at world's expositions, whose products command the highest price in the world's markets—orchards which yield over \$1000 an acre annually to the grower. The planted orchard area is increasing at the rate of 15,000 acres annually, and will eventually comprise a quarter million acres or more.

Medford is the railroad center of the present and the future. Within two years it will be the only city in western Oregon except Portland to have a competing railroad and will be connected by trolley with nearby cities. Already its railroad business, both passenger and freight, exceeds that of any other place in the state except Portland. With the completion of the railroads under construction and planned, will come the lumber mills and the smelters, the payrolls and population.

The Pacific & Eastern railroad, on which 1000 men are now rushing construction to the Cascades and beyond, will tap the largest of the remaining sugar pine belts, containing eight billion feet of merchantable standing timber, half of which is sugar and yellow pine. To cut this timber will require seven sawmills cutting a hundred thousand feet each per day for 300 days in the year for a term of 40 years, equivalent to 35 carloads a day, or over 10,000 cars a year during the entire year, insuring labor for over 2000 employees, or a payroll in manufacturing lumber of \$3,000,000 a year. As the timber is cut, the land can be used for agricultural and fruit purposes, the elevation and slope being ideal, and the soil, proved by experiments already conducted, adapted to fruit of all kinds.

Over \$25,000,000 in placer gold has been taken from the soil within a few miles of Medford and each year sees a substantial increase in the total yield. Over a million dollars spent in developing one mine in the Blue Ledge district proves it one of the greatest copper deposits of the west, and railroad and smelter will soon make it accessible and a prolific producer. Within sight of Medford's doors are coal mines under development, with an average vein of 12 feet, estimated to yield 2000 tons per day of fine bituminous coal.

Medford has spent within a year \$350,000 for a gravity water system fed from the snow-clad summit of Mt. McLaughlin, \$150,000 for 20 miles of cast iron mains in a city distributing system, over \$100,000 for three miles of hard surfaced pavement, constructed 25 miles of sewer system, many miles of cement walk and other improvements, a greater expenditure per capita than ever made by any city in the land in the same length of time. During the same period over two and a quarter millions have been spent for building materials for private construction in Medford.

Medford has more natural resources than any place in the country, and the Commercial club offers \$1000 for proof to the contrary. These resources are many and diversified. Few are developed, others are in process of development. Any one of a dozen that might be named, properly developed, justify the existence of a city larger than Medford. All together promise a certain future—and the future has arrived.

IN A NUTSHELL

MEDFORD has:
7500 population.
\$2,000,000 bank deposits.
\$350,000 gravity water system.
\$150,000 cast iron city distributing system.
Three miles of paved streets.
Twenty-five miles of sewer system.
Free mail delivery system.
Fine electric light and power system.
A \$40,000 high school, a \$40,000 Sisters' academy and two massive grammar school buildings, with a third projected.

The best hotels and grills south of Portland.
A free public library.
A city fire department.
The best of city governments.
The biggest railroad business south of Portland.
The only railroad under construction from western Oregon to the east.
The geographical location for a metropolis.
The progressive people that create one.
And is gateway to Crater Lake, the world's greatest natural wonder.

Rogue River Valley has:
Average rainfall, 20 inches.
Temperature, highest 105, lowest 18, mean 65.
Average elevation, 1500 feet.
Fifty thousand acres commercial orchard.
Rare metals and minerals in abundance.
Limitless quantities best building granite.
Best placer ground in existence.
Finest grade white and black marble in America.
Best hunting and fishing.
Immense coal fields under development.
Immense irrigation possibilities.
More water power going to waste than Niagara.
More undeveloped resources than any spot on earth.

FAIL TO FIND MUCH—WANTED OFFICIAL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 27.—All efforts today to reach Walter Parker, the land and tax agent for the Southern Pacific railroad, who is accused of offering a bribe in connection with the granting of a local franchise to H. J. Leland, city clerk

of Los Angeles, in an affidavit made and sworn to by Leland, were without avail. At his office it was announced that Parker was out of the city and had been since yesterday afternoon. At his home smoke was seen issuing from the chimneys of the house and from the servants' quarters in the rear, but no response was made to repeated ringings of the doorbell.

MITCHELL IN WASHINGTON TO ADVISE WITH PARKER

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—John Mitchell, labor leader and vice-president of the National Civic Federation, went to Washington today to be present on Monday, when Alton Parker will appear before the United States supreme court to ask a reversal of the decision of the courts of the District of Columbia, committing Mitchell, Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison to jail for disobeying an injunction forbidding them to put the name of the Buck Stove & Range company of St. Louis upon their list, marked, "We don't patronize."

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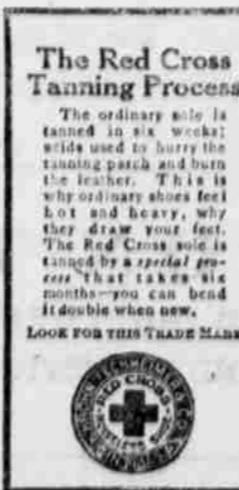
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