

EASTERN EDITOR TELLS OF ROGUE

Recent Visitor in Medford Publishes Good Account of Valley and Does Some Live Boosting—Pleased with Valley.

J. W. Jarnagin, publisher of the Cedar Falls, Ia., Record, who recently visited Medford, has the following to say in his paper regarding the Rogue River valley:

The greatest fruit district that we have ever encountered is what is known as the Rogue River valley. Medford is the center of this fruit belt and it is one of the liveliest cities on the Pacific coast. Inside of four years the population has gone from 2500 to 900. Four hundred residences will be built this season and a dozen brick blocks will be added to the already substantial equipment of the business district. The Hill railway system will soon have a line here and this will give competition in freight rates, something which is badly needed. With the thousands of acres now planted to orchards it is estimated that within 10 years it will take 30,000 cars to haul to the eastern market the fruit output of this one valley. It is easy to see that Jim Hill had an eye to business when he decided to send into this fertile valley a branch of the Great Northern railway.

A Visit to the Orchards.

George Putnam, publisher of the Medford Mail Tribune, took our party through the orchards in this

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vicinity n an automobile, and an opportunity was given to witness the picking and packing process. This valley excels in the production of pears, and while it is willing to concede great virtues in the apples produced at Payette, the Yakima coun-

try and the Hood River district, it will not take a back seat to any section on earth when it comes to the pear question. This fruit finds its principal market in New York and Boston and much of it is exported, some of it having graced the table



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of the king of England. We were in the orchard of Charles Whistler, who came to this country from Grand Junction, Colo., at which place he planted a peach orchard and that sold recently at the highest figures ever paid for an orchard in the United States. After coming here he went into the pear industry and he is now shipping his tenth carload and the harvest is not nearly completed. Captain Voorhees has shipped 40 cars of pears already this season and he is still loading two cars every day. Mr. Whistler is a former Iowa man and is a cousin of Dr. Meutzer of Cedar Falls. He has a fine orchard and is in the midst of a great crop of apples and pears. In a visit to thousands of acres of orchards here Mr. Putnam took us in among the trees with his auto and we traveled several miles between rows of trees laden with apples and pears, the peach crop having been harvested before our arrival. Hundreds of trees had to be propped up in order to keep the branches from breaking.

Inspection Is Strict.

"Laws providing for the inspection of orchards and fruit are very strict in this state.

"Thousands of acres will be set to fruit here next winter, February be-

ing the best month, and this, with the large acreage already planted, will make this the greatest fruit belt in the world. It was formerly a wheat country, but now the land is too valuable for that.

"One of the prettiest towns in this valley is Ashland where all modern improvements may be seen, and where nature has been profuse in furnishing scenery that is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever." Jacksonville is the county seat, an old mining town situated at the foot of the mountains."

NO CROWD TO MEET
TEDDY AT LYNCHBURG

LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 8.—Colonel Roosevelt passed through here on a private car on his speechmaking tour through the south and middle west. The former president did not leave the car and there was no crowd to greet him.

His first stop beyond here was scheduled at Bristol, where he will remain two hours. He will reach Knoxville at 3 o'clock and will visit the Tppalachian exposition.

Orders have been given to sidetrack the former president's car at Washington eo enable him to visit there.

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