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MONEY AVAILABLE SISKIYOU HIGHWAY FROM CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Nov. 6, 1913.

To the Editor: Your letter of October 27, addressed to the state highway commission, has been referred to me for reply.

With regard to the California state highway in Siskiyou county, I have to say that recently the money for the grading of a portion of the state highway between the Oregon line and Yreka has been made available, and the commission has decided definitely to route the state highway through Yreka, and bids will be asked for its construction at an early date. The details as to the width of grading paving, etc., are not yet fully determined.

In reply to your inquiry as to the price paid by this commission for cement, I would say that the price varies somewhat at different mills, but thus far, except where very small quantities were used, the price has not exceeded \$1.40 a barrel.

The state highway between Sacramento and Lincoln, which is paved with concrete fifteen feet in width and four inches in depth, will probably cost in the vicinity of \$8000 per mile.

The two-inch "Topeka" surface over four inches of concrete would probably cost, under our conditions, for a roadway fifteen feet wide, from \$11,500 to \$12,000 per mile.

The state of California, thus far, has paid no royalty to any patentee for the pavements which it has already laid.

Yours very truly, A. B. FLETCHER, State highway engineer.

RESOLUTION PASSED DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

The following resolution was adopted by the Southern Oregon Development League at Grants Pass on Thursday:

"Resolved, That this convention ask the commercial bodies in Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties to write letters to all present members of the Oregon legislature and to all of the commercial clubs of the state, setting forth the object of this convention as follows: To crystallize sentiment in favor of a state exhibit of the resources of the state of Oregon at Ashland, with a view of forming a concrete organization at a convention composed of delegates from all the commercial bodies of the state to meet at some future date, and to devise plans of advertising throughout the eastern states with a view of inducing Pacific coast traffic during 1915 to buy their tickets routed with local stopover, through the state of Oregon."

BE ONE OF THE FOUR HUNDRED

You have noticed the people wearing a tag in the lapel of their coat which reads "One of 400" and have probably asked what it means and have been told, but for fear you have not found out we will tell you. It means the Christian Sunday school is making a special effort to have 400 in the school Sunday and everybody between the ages of three and eighty-three are invited which means you. Last Sunday they increased their attendance 87 and had a grand time. Get up early Sunday morning and be one of the 400 in the school at 9:30. You will enjoy it and will be happier and more prosperous the coming week. Parents are urged to see that their children are also.

A NEGLECTED RESOURCE

AMONG the neglected industries of the Rogue River valley is grape growing. Grapes of all kinds flourish here. The finest table grapes in the world are produced, superior in size, color, flavor and keeping qualities to those of California.

Enough experimental growing has been done to prove conclusively that grapes can be profitably grown throughout the valley, but they have never been grown in sufficient quantity to establish a market or to ship by the carload.

Fathered by A. H. Carson, an effort was made a few years ago to establish the grape industry around Grants Pass, but it never was gone into in the extensive manner required to establish grape raising upon a commercial basis.

Small tracts have been planted to grapes, largely table grapes, especially Tokays, but many of these have been neglected. Mr. Carson has a commercial vineyard—but there are few others.

What grape culture might mean and should mean to the Rogue River valley is indicated by the following dispatch proving what it does for a small district in the San Joaquin valley, California:

LODI, Nov. 8.—The grape season, now closing, has brought more than \$2,000,000 into this section. There were 1714 cars of Tokay grapes shipped from here, and they averaged about \$1100 per car. Besides this there were more than 50,000 tons of wine grapes grown in this district which sold from \$10 to \$18 per ton, making a total of \$2,250,000 to be scattered among the growers of a district less than twenty miles square, taking Lodi as a center.

Much of the idle land of this valley, particularly in the foothills, is declared by experts to be the finest grape land in the world. Small family vineyards have been in continuous production for decades around Jacksonville and elsewhere—and choice wines are made for local consumption. Much of this now idle land that is unfit for other agricultural purposes can be thus utilized.

In order to place grape culture on a permanent commercial basis, there must be a large acreage planted—sufficient to ship the product in carload quantities to eastern markets. If there were only a few acres of apples and pears in home orchards the fruit industry of the valley would not amount to much. This is the condition of the grape industry today. No one makes a business of it.

The vineyard has the advantage of the orchard in many ways. It begins to yield returns years earlier. It does not require the capital needed to bring an orchard into bearing, the original investment being less and the caretaking expense smaller—and the profits just as large for the investment.

The Rogue River valley today might be realizing several millions of dollars a year income from grapes—just as California districts are. It would be in a few years if someone would set the fashion—for Rogue river grapes, like Rogue river pears, peaches and apples, will outsell all other grapes in any market.

CAPTAIN KIDD LOOKS FOR TREASURE

J. W. Rivers of Clackamas county, known as "Captain Kidd," who is a professional treasure hunter, is in Medford seeking lost or buried treasure. He was lured hither by the report that the money Spanos and Seymour stole from Dedaskalous had never been located. He will locate treasure for any one, and solve deep mysteries, he says.

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The captain has been visiting R. R. Olin of Rogue River and is now stopping with B. Vincent of Central Point.

It has been suggested that "Captain Kidd" Rivers try to solve the mystery of the disappearance of \$21,000 in the sheriff's office.

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"The situation is better all around," says W. F. Gein, general manager of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, "and I believe we will be able to get the prices we are asking, although in a small way we have sold Spitzenbergs at the bid price. "There is an improved feeling for Winesaps, too, and extra fancy Cashmere stock is being held firm at \$2 a box, and we have not been willing to accept a nickel less for this variety and grade. Rome Beauties are firm at \$1.75 a box f. o. b."

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