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A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Abundant harvests have been the rule for half a century in the smiling valley of the Rogue. 1913 was no exception. Good crops and good prices have contributed their share towards prosperity.

In every way the valley is in better condition than for years. The stimulation of intensive farming and diversified production is shown by increased shipments of all products—though in this respect as in others, the valley is still in the infancy of its development.

The story of the year's progress is concisely told in the pages of this issue. Approximately 1200 cars of fruit have been shipped as against a 100 a few years ago. The prices received are given by the orchardists themselves—rather reluctantly given in most instances as the properties are not on the market. A few years more and the output will have quadrupled—for not only the growing but the marketing and protection problems are most intelligently handled in this district.

Industrial developments in other lines is shown by the beginning of construction of a huge cement plant, deals pending for lumber mills, and efforts under way to secure a railroad to the sea as well as over the Cascades, and the construction of permanent highways for the tourist traffic.

No region offers the homeseeker more than the Rogue river valley. No where is life more enjoyable. No where is better opportunity, and never were prospects brighter than for this year of our Lord, 1914.

BUY YOUR TICKETS TO PANAMA FAIR TO STOP IN OREGON

In the past three months there have been four prominent and largely attended mass meetings held at Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg to consider how the people of this state may best take advantage of the great flood of immigration that will travel up and down the Pacific coast, especially during the year 1915. Our last legislature made a very modest appropriation for the purpose of enabling the state to exhibit its resources at the San Francisco fair; but we believe that more can be done to secure immigration to the state of Oregon than will be induced by the exhibit of its resources at San Francisco in 1915.

RAISING OF ANGORAS PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

I have found goats very profitable, requiring little attention and a valuable adjunct to any farm. The average yield of mohair from wethers has been seven pounds, which I sold this year at 25 cents a pound—\$2.25 per head. The entire flock, including does and kids has averaged \$1.25 per head in mohair. The average profit from every doe for seven years, has been \$4.00, including mohair and kid. I have averaged 300 head of goats for seven years and fed in the entire time less than a ton of hay—the goats proving hardy rangers. Each year I take five acres of my poorest soil, corral the goats for several months upon it, and the next

Finest Hospital Between Portland and San Francisco



Among the large buildings of Medford, is assuredly the Sacred Heart hospital, the enterprise of the Sisters of Charity of Providence, who, coming here in 1911, at the invitation of representative citizens, erected at a cost of \$161,000, on a beautiful site, on Medford Heights, a five story brick institution to care for all the

"ills that flesh is heir to." The site itself was a generous donation of the citizens. The hospital opened its doors in 1912, and has 14 wards, 53 private rooms, two surgical rooms and three dressing rooms, besides maternity and isolation quarters. The appreciation in which it is held is best attested by the donations

It has received from many local societies and individuals. A recent fair, undertaken by the city clubs and participated in and aided by both societies and people procured over \$2000 for the hospital. The institution in turn, opens its doors to all, and has, since its existence here, done much charitable work.

MEDFORD SCHOOLS OFFER ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL COURSES

The Medford high school offers strong courses along the academic and vocational lines. The widest choice is given in the matter of electives so that a pupil is given as much freedom as possible in following his natural aptitudes. Aside from the usual courses in languages, mathematics, science and history, a strong commercial course is offered, as is also a course in mechanical and architectural drawing.

The vocational side is strongly represented by the department of manual training, domestic art, and domestic science. For the girls a strong course in household economics is planned to correlate with sewing and cooking. The manual department is now being enlarged and undergoing extensive changes to make room for more benches and some improved machinery. The manual departments are all popular as is attested by the large number of students enrolled in them.

Vocal music is a required study in the schools of Medford, and most excellent work is being done in this department. In the high school opportunity is given pupils to do extra work in chorus and orchestra, for which regular credits are given.

The total enrollment for this year is 12 per cent increase over last year, and the school enumeration shows over 1,800 pupils between the ages of 4 and 20 years. The total enrollment for the high school for the current year will reach, if not exceed, 300. This is due to the fact that almost 100 per cent of Medford's eighth grade pupils continue their schooling by entering the high school.

The best and most energetic pupils from the outlying districts choose our high school on account of the varied courses and excellent advantages offered in the special departments. This gives the school a high intellectual as well as moral tone.

The instructors are above the average in experience and qualification. In conclusion the board of directors devote no small amount of their time in giving to the school children of Medford pleasant surroundings, and a varied course of study, thus encouraging love of work, industry, concentration and accuracy.

Jackson county's annual road levy is 3 mills on a valuation of \$28,000,000, giving over \$100,000 a year for road construction. In addition the more progressive districts vote an annual levy for local work.

year raise three tons of oat hay per acre.

The goats are building up the farm, clearing all brush, fertilizing the land.

There is a steady sale for goat meat at \$3.25 per head, after taking off \$2.25 in mohair.

This year I will realize over \$1000 off 400 goats. My expenses are only what it costs to keep myself and dogs with which I enjoy life by hunting coyotes, wildcats and varmits.

JAMES KERSHAW. Antelope, Ore., Dec. 24.

FOURTEEN CARS OF CANNED PRODUCTS SHIPPED AT TALENT

The Bagley Canning company at Talent completed their second season with the ending of 1913. Early in the summer the floor space of the institution was doubled and additions to the equipment greatly increased the capacity over the previous season. Every section of the valley contributed to the produce used and instances were not unusual where the cannery afforded the first market which certain of the fruits had found.

An idea of the output this year can be obtained from the following figures. There were 252,200 quarts of fruit and vegetables of all kinds canned which, when cased, weigh 592,000 pounds. This amount would make fourteen cars of 40,000 each.

The quality of the different grades of these products have stood the market test of comparison and have sold to the best wholesalers and received their best brands.

The activities of this company which were limited this season to canning plums, pears, peaches, apples, tomatoes, beans and pumpkin are expected to include berries and cherries next season.

Pure apple cider vinegar is another product which has been produced in quantity this year. This has met an appreciative market and will probably supply the entire local demand very shortly.

Tomato catsup was manufactured and placed on the market this fall and is taking well with the trade. This was placed in packages suitable to the large users of catsup.

Marketing conditions have materially improved this season and the labor problem was solved by a tent camp and exodus of workers from the valley and Northern California points.

MEDFORD BECOMING A CITY BEAUTIFUL

Medford is rapidly becoming a city of beautiful homes. With the growth of the city has come a great improvement in architectural design and finish. As the new water system has been completed, insuring an abundance of life-giving moisture, green lawns, shade trees and shrubbery are replacing the patched yards of the village era. Stately mansions, picturesque bungalows and cozy cottages are going up as if by magic in all parts of the city.

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EARLIEST OF ALL. Dr. Nuding of Brownsboro had for Christmas dinner new potatoes, second crop of "Earliest of All."

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\$20,000—Highly improved income ranch, fruit and alfalfa for apartment house.
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